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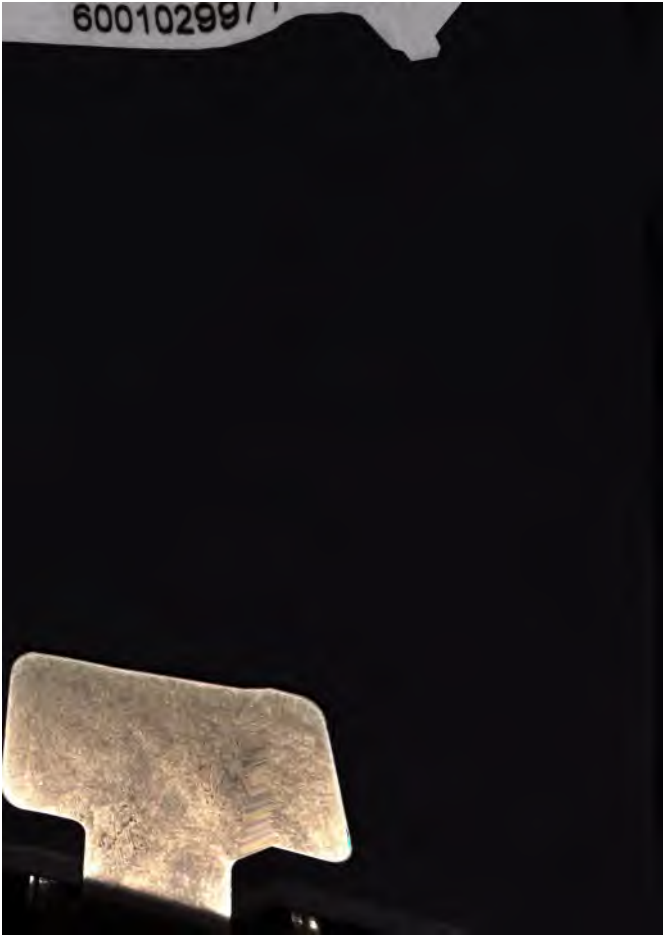

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To whom should we pray?

The true worshippers shall worship THE FATHER in spirit and in truth. *John* iv, 23.

Pray to thy FATHER who is in secret; and thy FATHER who seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. *Matt.* vi, 6.

Through whom should we approach THE FATHER?

'I am the way, the truth, and the life,' said CHRIST; 'no man cometh unto THE FATHER but by ME.' *John* xiv, 6.

Through HIM we have access by one SPIRIT unto THE FATHER. *Eph.* ii, 18.

If we pray in the name of CHRIST, shall we be heard?

CHRIST said, 'Whatsoever ye shall ask THE FATHER in MY name, HE will give it you. Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.' *John* xvi, 23, 24.

HE is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto GOD by HIM, seeing HE ever liveth to make intercession for them. *Heb.* vii, 25.

Why should we pray?

Because it is GOD's appointed means of grace. After making 'exceeding great and precious promises' to HIS ancient people; namely,—that HE would give them a new heart and a new spirit; that HE would put HIS SPIRIT within them, and cause them to walk in HIS statutes, and keep HIS judgments and do them; that HE would gather them from among the heathen, and they should dwell in the land which HE had given to their fathers; that they should be HIS people, and HE would be their GOD; that HE would save them from all their uncleannesses; that HE would call for the corn and increase it, and lay no famine upon them; that HE would multiply the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field; and that their land which was desolate

should become like the garden of Eden;—after promising all this, HE adds, 'I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them.' *Ezek.* xxxvi, 25–37.

Accordingly, though Nathan the prophet had told David that GOD had forgiven his sin, David yet prayed earnestly to be delivered from blood-guiltiness. 2 *Sam.* xii, 13. *Ps.* li, 14.

The teaching of CHRIST, too, is 'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.' *Luke* xi, 9.

Therefore, if we receive not, it is because we ask not, or because we ask amiss. *Jas.* iv, 2, 3.

How should we pray?

Having prepared the heart by meditation, *Eccles.* v, 2. *Job* xi, 13. *Ps.* xxxix, 3.

We should enter into GOD'S presence with thanksgiving; *Ps.* c, 4.

With humility and self-abasement; *Luke* xviii, 10–14.

Confessing our sins; 1 *John* i, 9.

Forgiving our enemies; *Col.* iii, 13.

Entreating GOD to hear us; *Ps.* iv, 1.

To have mercy upon us, and answer us. *Ps.* xxvii, 7.

Praying importunately; *Luke* xi, 9; xviii, 1–7.

With fervency of spirit; *Rom.* xii, 11.

With supplication in THE SPIRIT; *Eph.* vi, 18.

Praying in THE HOLY GHOST. *Jude* 20. *Rom.* viii, 26.

Not by vain repetitions of words; *Matt.* vi, 7.

But with the spirit, and with the understanding also. 1 *Cor.* xiv, 15.

With a true heart, and in full assurance of faith; *Heb.* x, 22.

Believing that we shall receive. *Mark* xi, 24. *Heb.* xi, 6.

Seeking spiritual blessings, rather than temporal. *Matt.* vi, 33.

Praying that GOD'S will, not ours, may be done. *John* v, 30.

After this manner pray ye: Our FATHER who art in Heaven, hallowed be THY name. THY kingdom come. THY will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for THINE are the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. *Matt.* vi, 9–13.

Must prayer necessarily be uttered by the lips?

No; prayer is the language of the heart, and may be poured forth while the lips are silent. Thus,

it appears, Moses prayed when the Israelites were pursued by the Egyptians. He had spoken encouragingly to the dispirited Israelites; but not one word of prayer is on record as having escaped his lips: yet GOD said to him, 'Wherefore criest thou unto ME?' *Exod.* xiv, 15.

Hannah's prayer, too, was one offered in secret in the depths of the soul. Her voice was not heard; but her prayer was, and was answered. 1 *Sam.* i, 13, 27.

Thus, too, it must have been that Nehemiah prayed when standing in the presence of his royal master, King Artaxerxes. Nehemiah was grieving over the desolation of his country; and the king, observing his sad countenance, asked him the cause of his grief. On hearing it, he said, 'For what dost thou make request?' 'So I prayed to the GOD of Heaven,' says Nehemiah, 'and said unto the king, "If it please the king,"' &c. *Neh.* ii, 4, 5.

In the same manner must it have been that Abraham's steward, Eliezer of Damascus, prayed at the well of the city of Nahor in Mesopotamia. He had been sent by Abraham to seek a wife for his son Isaac; and having reached the city of Nahor, he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water, at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out

to draw water. And he said, 'O LORD GOD of my master Abraham, I pray THEE send me good speed this day; and show kindness unto my master Abraham. Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: and let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, "Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink," and she shall say, "Drink, and I will give thy cattle drink also," let the same be she whom THOU hast appointed for THY servant Isaac; and hereby shall I know that THOU hast showed kindness unto my master.' Afterwards, referring to this prayer, he said, 'And before I had done *speaking in my heart*, behold Rebekah came.' *Gen.* xxiv, 10–14, 45.

When should we pray?

Men ought always to pray. *Luke* xviii, 1.

Watch ye, and pray always. *Luke* xxi, 36. *Eph.* vi, 18.

Continue instant in prayer. *Rom.* xii, 12.

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving. *Col.* iv, 2.

Pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks; for this is the will of GOD in CHRIST JESUS concerning you. 1 *Thess.* v, 17, 18.

Where should we pray?

I will that men pray everywhere. 1 *Tim.* ii, 8.
In every place incense shall be offered unto My name. *Mal.* i, 11.

In what places mentioned in the Bible has prayer been offered up?

By a river-side. *Acts* xvi, 13.
By a sick-bed. *Acts* xxviii, 8.
On the sea-shore. *Acts* xxi, 5.
On a house-top. *Acts* x, 9.
On a battle-field. 1 *Sam.* vii, 9.
On a mountain. *Luke* vi, 12; ix, 28.
In an upper-room. *Acts* i, 13.
In a dungeon. *Lam.* iii, 55.
In a palace. *Neh.* ii, 4.
In a field. *Gen.* xxiv, 63.
In a temple. *Luke* xviii, 10.
In a garden. *Matt.* xxvi, 36.
In a ship. *Jonah* i, 14.
In a fish's belly. *Jonah* ii, 1.
In a wilderness. *Luke* v, 16.
On a cross. *Luke* xxiii, 42.
At a place of public execution. *Acts* vii, 60.

In what posture should we pray?

The soul must be bowed in reverence before God;

but the posture of the body appears to be of comparatively little importance.

Solomon *stood* before the altar of THE LORD, and *spread forth his hands toward Heaven.* 1 *Kings* viii, 22.

Solomon *kneeled down upon his knees, and spread forth his hands toward Heaven.* 2 *Chron.* vi, 13. See also *Ezra* ix, 5.

David says, 'Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto THEE, *when I lift up my hands toward THY Holy Oracle.*' *Ps.* xxviii, 2.

Jeremiah says, 'Pour out thy heart like water before the face of THE LORD: *lift up thy hands toward HIM* for the life of thy young children.' *Lam.* ii, 19.

Paul says, 'I will that men pray everywhere, *lifting up holy hands* without wrath and doubting.' 1 *Tim.* ii, 8.

Our SAVIOUR says, 'When ye *stand* praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any; that your FATHER also who is in Heaven may forgive you your trespasses.' *Mark* xi, 25.

David says, 'O come, let us worship and *bow down:* let us *kneel* before THE LORD our MAKER.' *Ps.* xcv, 6.

Stephen *kneeled down*, and cried with a loud voice, 'LORD, lay not this sin to their charge.' *Acts* vii, 60.

Peter *kneeled down*, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, 'Tabitha, arise.' *Acts* ix, 40.

Paul *kneeled down*, and prayed with the elders of the Ephesian Church. *Acts* xx, 36.

Paul and the disciples whom he found at Tyre *kneeled down* on the sea-shore, and prayed. *Acts* xxi, 5.

Our SAVIOUR withdrew HIMSELF about a stone's cast from HIS disciples, and *kneeled down*, and prayed. *Luke* xxii, 41. Matthew, referring to the same event, says that HE *fell on HIS face*, and prayed. *Matt.* xxvii, 39. There is no incongruity here. Our SAVIOUR, doubtless, *knelt down*, and *bowed HIS head to the ground;* a posture customary in the East to the present day.

Moses and Aaron *fell upon their faces*, and prayed. *Num.* xvi, 22.

Joshua *fell on his face to the earth*, and worshipped. *Josh.* v, 14.

David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, *fell upon their faces*, and prayed. 1 *Chron.* xxi, 16.

Abraham's servant worshipped THE LORD, *bowing himself to the earth*. *Gen.* xxiv, 52.

The children of Israel *bowed down their heads*, and worshipped. *Exod.* iv, 31; xii, 27. 1 *Chron.* xxix, 20. 2 *Chron.* xxix, 29, 30.

The children of Israel *bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement*, and worshipped. 2 *Chron.* vii, 3. *Neh.* viii, 6.

Job *fell down upon the ground*, and worshipped. *Job* i, 20.

The wise men from the East *fell down*, and worshipped CHRIST. *Matt.* ii, 11.

The four and twenty elders *fell down*, and worshipped HIM that liveth for ever and ever. *Rev.* v, 14.

They *fell upon their faces*, and worshipped GOD. *Rev.* xi, 16.

Elijah *cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees.* 1 *Kings* xviii, 42.

Jacob worshipped, *leaning upon the top of his staff.* *Heb.* xi, 21.

Hezekiah *turned his face to the wall*, and prayed. 2 *Kings* xx, 2.

The dying thief prayed *as he hung upon the cross.* *Luke* xxiii, 42.

Should we pray for others?

The very first word in THE LORD'S Prayer teaches us to pray for others. It is not *My* FATHER, but *Our* FATHER; so, too, it is not Give *me*, but Give *us;* not Forgive *me*, but Forgive *us;* not Lead *me*, but Lead *us;* not Deliver *me*, but Deliver *us*.

Pray one for an other. *Jas.* v, 16.

For whom should we pray?

Supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks should be made for all men. 1 *Tim.* ii, 1.

Especially for our children. *Gen.* xvii, 18. *Matt.* xv, 22.

For our friends. *Job* xlii, 8.

For all who love our LORD JESUS CHRIST in sincerity. *Eph.* vi, 24.

For all faithful ministers of the gospel. *Rom.* xv, 30.

For the sick and afflicted. *Jas.* v, 14.

For all who suffer adversity. *Heb.* xiii, 3.

For all prisoners and captives. *Ps.* lxxix, 11.

For the homeless, the friendless, the destitute. *Ps.* lxxii, 12.

For those who envy us. *Num.* xii, 13.

For those who forsake us. 2 *Tim.* iv, 16.

For those who despitefully use us and persecute us. *Matt.* v, 44.

For kings, and for all that are in authority. 1 *Tim.* ii, 2.

For what should we pray?

The Bible says that we are to cast *all* our care upon GOD, 1 *Pet.* v, 7; and that we are in *everything*, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, to let our requests be made known unto HIM. *Phil.* iv, 6. But among the '*ALL THINGS whatsoever we shall ask in prayer, believing*,' Matt. xxi, 22, the

following may be mentioned as of paramount importance :—*

That we may be taught how to pray. *Luke* xi, 1.

That God would pour upon us the spirit of grace and of supplications. *Zech.* xii, 10.

That we may receive THE HOLY GHOST. *Acts* viii, 15.

That THE HOLY GHOST may reveal CHRIST unto us. *John* xvi, 14, 15.

That we may obtain mercy. *Heb.* iv, 16.

That we may be reconciled to GOD. 2 *Cor.* v, 20.

That we may be renewed in the spirit of our mind. *Eph.* iv, 23.

That the very GOD OF PEACE would sanctify us wholly. 1 *Thess.* v, 23.

That our whole spirit, and soul, and body may be preserved blameless. 1 *Thess.* v, 23.

That we may be sincere and without offence till the day of CHRIST. *Phil.* i, 10.

That CHRIST may dwell in our hearts by faith. *Eph.* iii, 17.

That GOD would perfect that which is lacking in our faith. 1 *Thess.* iii, 10.

That we may know the love of CHRIST. *Eph.* iii, 19.

That our faith fail not. *Luke* xxii, 32.

* In extempore prayer at family worship, it may be an assistance to have this part of the book open before you for the suggesting of holy thoughts and aspirations.

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That as our days are, so our strength may be. *Deut.* xxxiii, 25.

That we may be strengthened by GOD'S SPIRIT in the inner man. *Eph.* iii, 16.

That we may do the will of GOD from the heart. *Eph.* vi. 6.

That we may love THE LORD our GOD with all the heart, and soul, and mind, and strength. *Mark* xii, 30.

That we may have fervent charity among ourselves. 1 *Pet.* iv, 8.

That we may be patient toward all men. 1 *Thess.* v, 14.

That we may love one an other with pure hearts fervently. 1 *Pet.* i, 22.

That we may be followers of GOD, as dear children. *Eph.* v, 1.

That we may not grieve THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD. *Eph.* iv, 30.

That we may find grace to help in time of need. *Heb.* iv, 16.

That we may be led by THE SPIRIT OF GOD. *Rom.* viii, 14.

That we may be spiritually minded. *Rom.* viii, 6.

That we may set our affections on things above. *Col.* iii, 2.

That our treasure and our hearts may be in Heaven. *Matt.* vi, 20, 21.

That we may walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called. *Eph.* iv, 1.

That we may speak evil of no man. *Tit.* iii, 2.

That our conversation may be as it becometh the gospel of CHRIST. *Phil.* i. 27.

That we may speak the truth in love. *Eph.* iv, 15.

That our love may abound more and more in knowledge and in all judgment. *Phil.* i, 9.

That we may be filled with the knowledge of GOD's will. *Col.* i, 9.

That we may stand perfect and complete in all the will of GOD. *Col.* iv. 12.

That our prayer may ever be, 'Not as I will, but as THOU willest, O our FATHER.' *Matt.* xxvi, 39.

Should we ask to be remembered in each other's prayers?

Yes; the Israelites asked Samuel to pray for them unto THE LORD his GOD; and Samuel made this remarkable reply: 'GOD forbid that I should *sin against THE LORD in ceasing to pray for you.*' 1 *Sam.* xii, 19, 23.

Daniel desired his companions that they would ask mercies of the GOD of Heaven, that he and they should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. *Dan.* ii, 18.

Paul beseeches the Christians at Rome, at Corinth,

at Ephesus, at Colosse, at Thessalonica, and the Hebrew Christians generally, to remember him in their prayers. *Rom.* xv, 30. 2 *Cor.* i, 11. *Eph.* vi, 19. *Col.* iv, 3. 1 *Thess.* v, 25. 2 *Thess.* iii, 1. *Heb.* xiii, 18.

What remarkable record have we of GOD'S hearing intercessory prayer?

The record of Abraham's prayer for Sodom; wherein we see that the only limit to the extension of GOD'S mercy to that sinful city, was the limit which Abraham himself set in his prayer. Every petition that he offered was granted. The record runs as follows:—

The men turned their faces thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before THE LORD.

And Abraham drew near, and said, 'Wilt THOU also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there are fifty righteous within the city: wilt THOU also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? That be far from THEE to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from THEE. Shall not THE JUDGE of all the earth do right?'

And THE LORD said, 'If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.'

And Abraham answered and said, 'Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto THE LORD, which am but dust and ashes: peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt THOU destroy all the city for the lack of five?'

And HE said, 'If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.'

And he spake unto HIM yet again, and said, 'Peradventure there shall be forty found there?'

And HE said, 'I will not do it for forty's sake.'

And he said unto HIM, 'Oh let not THE LORD be angry, and I will speak: peradventure there shall thirty be found there?'

And HE said, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.'

And he said, 'Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto THE LORD: peradventure there shall be twenty found there?'

And HE said, 'I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.'

And he said, 'Oh let not THE LORD be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: peradventure ten shall be found there?'

And HE said, 'I will not destroy it for ten's sake.'

And THE LORD went HIS way, as soon as HE had left communing with Abraham; and Abraham returned unto his place. *Gen.* xviii, 22–33.

What remarkable expression in the Bible teaches us the power of intercessory prayer?

The expression used by JEHOVAH when Moses interceded for the rebellious Israelites. HE said, '*Let ME alone*, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven.' *Deut.* ix, 14.

A similar expression, showing the power of prayer, occurs in the account of Jacob's wrestling with the angel (evidently a Divine Person, see *Hos.* xii, 3, 4, and *Gen.* xxxii, 28). HE said, '*Let ME go*, for the day breaketh.' And he said, 'I will not let THEE go, except THOU bless me.' And HE blessed him there. *Gen.* xxxii, 26, 29.

What is meant by asking amiss? *Jas.* iv, 3.

Asking for earthly blessings with a selfish covetousness. *Jas.* iv, 3.

Asking for spiritual blessings insincerely. *Prov.* xxi, 27. *Ezek.* xiv, 3–8.

Asking in a doubting spirit. *Jas.* i, 6, 7.

Asking with the lips, but not with the heart. *Isa.* xxix, 13. *Hos.* vii, 14. *Matt.* xv, 8.

Asking while cherishing a love for sin. *Ps.* lxvi, 18. *Isa.* lix, 1, 2. *Jer.* xiv, 10, 12. *Ezek.* xx, 8–31. *Mic.* iii, 2–4.

Asking in an unforgiving spirit towards others. *Isa.* i, 11–15. *Ezek.* viii, 17, 18.

Asking while deaf to the cry of the poor. *Prov.* xxi, 13.

Asking without desiring to know and do GOD's will. *Prov.* i, 28, 29; xxviii, 9. *Jer.* xi, 10, 11. *Zech.* vii, 11–13.

Asking while living in hatred towards those who love GOD. *Ps.* xviii, 40, 41.

Asking hypocritically. *Job* xxvii, 8, 9. *Matt.* xxiii, 14.

Asking without purposing to amend the life. *Hos.* v, 4–6.

Asking in a spirit of self-righteousness and contempt for others. *Job* xxxv, 12, 13. *Luke* xviii, 9, 14.

JESUS spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others :—

Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'GOD, I thank THEE that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.'

And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto Heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, 'GOD be merciful to me a sinner!'

I tell you, said JESUS, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. *Luke* xviii, 9–14.

What are GOD's promises concerning prayer?

If MY people, which are called by MY name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek MY face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin. 2 *Chron.* vii, 14.

Then shall ye call upon ME, and ye shall go and pray unto ME, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek ME, and find ME, when ye shall search for ME with all your heart. *Jer.* xxix, 12, 13.

They shall call on MY name, and I will hear them. *Zech.* xiii, 9.

Call upon ME in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify ME. *Ps.* L, 15.

I said not unto the seed of Jacob, 'Seek ye ME, in vain.' *Isa.* xlv, 19.

He shall call upon ME, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. *Ps.* xci, 15.

Call unto ME, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. *Jer.* xxxiii, 3.

Before they call I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. *Isa.* lxv, 24.

I will make them joyful in MY house of prayer. *Isa.* lvi, 7.

O THOU that hearest prayer, unto THEE shall all flesh come. *Ps.* lxv, 2.

For THOU, LORD, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon THEE. *Ps.* lxxxvi, 5.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon THEE; for THOU wilt answer me. *Ps.* lxxxvi, 7.

What does the Old Testament say concerning prayer?

What profit should we have, if we pray unto Him? *Job* xxi, 15.

If thou shalt seek THE LORD thy GOD, thou shalt find HIM, if thou seek HIM with all thy heart and with all thy soul. *Deut.* iv, 29.

THE LORD is good unto all them that wait for HIM, to the soul that seeketh HIM. *Lam.* iii, 25.

The Soul's Desires.

They that seek THE LORD shall not want any good thing. *Ps.* xxxiv, 10.

The hand of our GOD is upon all them for good that seek HIM. *Ezra* viii, 22.

Your heart shall live that seek GOD. *Ps.* lxix, 32.

THE LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon HIM, to all that call upon HIM in truth. *Ps.* cxlv. 18.

HE will fulfil the desire of them that fear HIM; HE also will hear their cry, and will save them. *Ps.* cxlv, 19.

Whosoever shall call on the name of THE LORD shall be delivered. *Joel* ii, 32.

HE will deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. *Ps.* lxxii, 12.

HE forgetteth not the cry of the humble. *Ps.* ix, 12. *Jer.* xxix, 12.

HE will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer. *Ps.* cii, 17.

HE will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when HE shall hear it, HE will answer thee. *Isa.* xxx, 19.

Thou shalt call, and THE LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and HE shall say, 'Here I am.' *Isa.* lviii, 9.

What does the New Testament say concerning prayer?

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your Heavenly FATHER give THE HOLY SPIRIT to them that ask HIM? *Luke* xi, 9–13.

THE SPIRIT also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but THE SPIRIT itself maketh intercession for us. *Rom.* viii, 26.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of GOD, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. And let not that man think that he shall receive anything of THE LORD. *Jas.* i, 5–7.

Without faith it is impossible to please HIM: for he that cometh to GOD must believe that HE is, and that HE is a rewarder of them that diligently seek HIM. *Heb.* xi, 6.

Therefore I say unto you, 'What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.' *Mark* xi, 24.

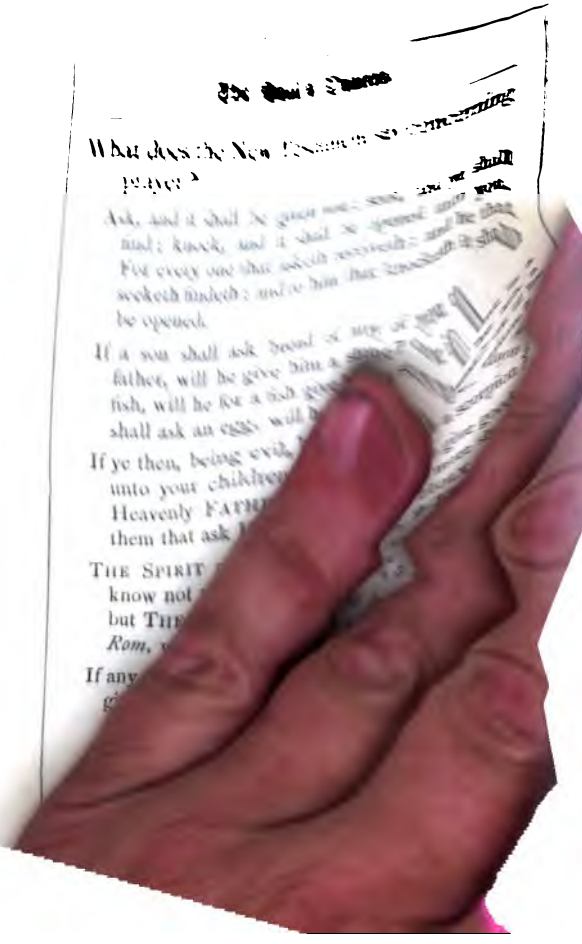
All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. *Matt.* xxi, 22.

This is the confidence that we have in HIM; that, if we ask anything according to HIS will, HE heareth us: and if we know that HE heareth us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of HIM. 1 *John* v, 14, 15.

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto GOD. And the peace of GOD, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through CHRIST JESUS. *Phil.* iv, 6, 7.

When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy FATHER who is in secret; and thy FATHER who seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. *Matt.* vi, 6.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, 'Whatsoever ye shall



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'Whatsoever ye shall ask in MY name, that will I do, that THE FATHER may be glorified in THE SON. If ye shall ask anything in MY name, I will do it.' *John* xiv, 13, 14.

'If ye abide in ME, and MY words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.' *John* xv, 7.

Whatsoever we ask, we receive of HIM, because we keep HIS commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in HIS sight. 1 *John* iii, 22.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. *Jas.* v, 16.

The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and THE LORD shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. *Jas.* v, 15.

If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of MY FATHER who is in Heaven. *Matt.* xviii, 19.

Whosoever shall call upon the name of THE LORD shall be saved. *Rom.* x, 13. *Acts* ii, 21.

What scripture promises encourage us to use THE LORD'S Prayer?

The following exceeding great and precious promises :—

Our FATHER who art in Heaven,

'I will receive you, and will be a FATHER unto you, and ye shall be MY sons and daughters,' saith THE LORD ALMIGHTY. 2 *Cor.* vi, 17, 18.

Hallowed be THY name,

'I will sanctify MY great Name, and the heathen shall know that I am THE LORD,' saith THE LORD GOD, 'when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.' *Ezek.* xxxvi, 23.

THY kingdom come,

'I have sworn by MYSELF, the word has gone out of MY mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto ME every knee shall bow.' *Isa.* xlv, 23.

THY will be done on earth as it is in Heaven,

'I will put MY law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their GOD, and they shall be MY people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man

his brother, saying, "Know THE LORD;" for they shall all know ME, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith THE LORD.' *Jer.* xxxi, 33, 34.

Give us this day our daily bread,

He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; he shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. *Isa.* xxxiii, 15, 16.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,

Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven. *Luke* vi, 37.

Lead us not into temptation,

GOD is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 *Cor.* x, 13.

But deliver us from evil,

THE LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: HE shall preserve thy soul. *Ps.* cxxi, 7.

For THINE are the kingdom,

His kingdom ruleth over all. *Ps.* ciii, 19.

And the power,

GOD hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto GOD. *Ps.* lxii, 11.

And the glory, for ever. Amen.

THINE, O LORD, are the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in Heaven and in the earth is THINE; THINE is the kingdom, O LORD, and THOU art exalted as head above all. 1 *Chron.* xxix, 11.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. *Eccl.* xii, 13.

GOD has given unto us exceeding great and precious promises. 2 *Pet.* i, 4. But HE has annexed to those promises the condition *that we ask for their fulfilment. Ezek.* xxxvi, 25–37. HIS word to us through CHRIST is, 'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.' *Luke* xi, 9. And GOD is not a man that HE should lie; neither a son of man that HE should repent. Hath HE said, and shall HE not do it? or hath HE spoken,

and shall HE not make it good? *Num.* xxiii, 19. HE is faithful that promised. *Heb.* x, 23. Let us therefore come boldly unto the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. *Heb.* iv, 16. And, for our encouragement, let us remember the marvellous power of prayer, as recorded in sacred history.

What has prayer wrought?

Prayer has brought down fire from heaven to attest the existence of GOD. 1 *Kings* xviii, 36–39.

It has made the sun and moon to stand still. *Josh.* x, 12–14.

It has sealed up the heavens, so that no rain fell during three and a half years. *Jas.* v, 17.

It has awakened the thunder, and brought down rain on the earth. 1 *Sam.* xii, 16–18.

It has caused the shadow on a sun-dial to go back ten degrees. 2 *Kings* xx, 8–11.

It has revealed to a young man the spirit-world around him. 2 *Kings* vi, 15–17.

It has brought the dead to life again. 1 *Kings* xvii, 21, 22. 2 *Kings* iv, 33–37. *Acts* ix, 36–40.

It has added fifteen years to a man's existence. 2 *Kings* xx, 1–6.

It has saved a man's life after he had been swallowed by a fish. *Jonah* ii, 1–10.

It has made barren women to be joyful mothers of children. *Gen.* xv, 2–4; xxx, 22, 23. 1 *Sam.* i, 10, 19, 27.

It has opened prison doors, and set the captives free. *Acts* xii, 5–10; xvi, 25, 26.

It has delivered a whole nation from slavery. *Exod.* ii, 23–25.

It has healed the sick, the lame, the blind, the deaf and dumb. *Matt.* xv, 21–28. *Num.* xii, 13, 14. 1 *Kings* xiii, 6. *Matt.* xx, 30–34. *Mark* ix, 17, 24–27.

It has procured for a man wisdom, riches, and honour. 1 *Kings* iii, 5–14; iv, 29–31.

It has saved a city from destruction. *Gen.* xix, 21.

It has obtained forgiveness of sins; *Num.* xiv, 19, 20.

And the gift of THE HOLY GHOST. *Acts* viii. 14–17.

Great and marvellous are THY works, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY! *Rev.* xv, 3. And great and marvellous are THY *words*, too; for THOU dost say: 'Ask ME of things to come concerning MY sons; and concerning the work of MY hands *command ye ME*.' *Isa.* xlv, 11.

Encouraged by such words of grace as these, the apostle Paul seems fully to have realized the truth that there is nothing too hard for THE LORD to grant in answer to the prayer of faith. For, after

asking, on behalf of the Ephesians, for what to us looks like absolute impossibilities, namely, that, 'being rooted and grounded in love, they might be able to comprehend with all saints what are the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and *to know the love of* CHRIST, *which passeth knowledge, that they might be filled with all the fulness of* GOD,' he adds the following words, with which I will conclude:—'Now, unto HIM that is *able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think*, according to the power that worketh in us, unto HIM be glory in the church by CHRIST JESUS throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. *Eph.* iii, 18–21.

SECOND PART.

THE SOUL'S DESIRES

EXPRESSED IN THE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE.

BEING

Short Prayers for Private or Family Devotion,

FOR ONE WEEK,

BASED ON THE SEVEN PETITIONS IN

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Monday Morning's Prayer.

'Our FATHER who art in Heaven, hallowed be THY name.'

O 'OUR FATHER who art in Heaven,'[1] how can we sufficiently bless THEE for having revealed THYSELF to us by a name so endearing as that of THE FATHER OF MERCIES, and THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT![2] Ah, they who know THY name will put their trust in THEE; for THOU, LORD, hast not forsaken those who seek THEE:[3] and THOU never wilt forsake them,[4] for THOU art THE LORD, THOU changest not,[5]—the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever,[6] the good LORD who pardoneth every one that prepareth his heart to seek HIM.[7]

And what better preparation of the heart, LORD, can there be, than the thought that THOU art our FATHER,[8] and that like as a father pitieth his children, so dost THOU pity those who fear THEE?[9]

But more than a father's love, yea, more than a mother's love, is THINE! Can a woman forget her little child, that she should not have compassion on

it? THOU dost say;—'Yea, she may forget, yet will I not forget thee.[10] I have loved thee with an everlasting love.'[11]

O blessed GOD, THY love to us is wonderful, passing the love of woman.[12] THOU art love itself.[13] Well mayest THOU say;—'Let him that glorieth glory in this,—that he knoweth and understandeth ME, that I am THE LORD who exercise loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth.'[14]

But, while glorying in the knowledge of a love that passeth knowledge,[15] we would humble ourselves before THEE,[16] remembering whence we have fallen!

THOU didst create man in THINE own image,[17] in righteousness and true holiness.[18] But how is the gold become dim! How is the most fine gold changed![19] That which THOU didst pronounce 'very good,'[20] has become evil, only evil, and that continually.[21] Our own hearts condemn us.[22] We acknowledge with shame and confusion of face,[23] that THOU hast nourished and brought us up as children, and we have rebelled against THEE.[24]

But though we are without excuse for our sins;[25] we are, thanks be unto THEE,[26] not without a plea

for THY mercy; which plea THOU, THYSELF, hast given us, and dost invite us to make use of. THOU dost say;—'Return unto THE LORD thy GOD, for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to THE LORD: say unto HIM, "Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously."'[27]

And what are the words that we should take with us, O LORD, in coming to THEE? Surely, THINE own words; THINE own gracious assurances and most precious promises:[28] and these are THY words:—'Deliver man from going down to the pit; I have found a ransom.[29] I have laid help upon ONE who is mighty,[30] mighty to save,[31] able to save those to the uttermost who come unto ME by HIM.[32] Therefore, come now, and let us reason together, saith THE LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.[33] Your sins are forgiven you for HIS name's sake.[34] Oh, hear, and your souls shall live;[35] and come unto ME, and I will receive you, and will be a father unto you, and ye shall be MY sons and daughters, saith THE LORD ALMIGHTY.'[36]

Encouraged by these words of grace, we would

come boldly unto the Throne of Grace, and ask, in the name of THY well-beloved SON, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in this our time of need.[37]

Hear THOU the prayer of THY children, O our FATHER; for THOU *art* our FATHER,[38] our FATHER who art in Heaven,[39] Hallowed be THY name, &c.

Passages quoted in the preceding Prayer :—

1 Matt. vi, 9.
2 2 Cor. i, 3.
3 Ps. ix, 10.
4 Heb. xiii, 5.
5 Mal. iii, 6.
6 Heb. xiii, 8.
7 2 Chr. xxx, 18
8 Isa. lxiii, 16.
9 Ps. ciii, 13.
10 Isa. xlix, 15.
11 Jer. xxxi, 3.
12 2 Sam. i, 26.
13 1 John iv, 8.
14 Jer. ix, 24.
15 Eph. iii, 19.
16 2 Chr. xxxiv, 27.
17 Col. iii, 10.
18 Eph. iv, 24.
19 Lam. iv, 1.
20 Gen. i, 31.
21 Gen. vi, 5.
22 1 John iii, 20.
23 Dan. ix, 7.
24 Isa. i, 2.
25 John xv, 22.
26 2 Cor. ix, 15.
27 Hos. xiv, 1.
28 2 Pet. i, 4.
29 Job xxxiii, 24.
30 Ps. lxxxix, 19.
31 Isa. lxiii, 1.
32 Heb. vii, 25.
33 Isa. i, 18.
34 1 John ii, 12.
35 Isa. lv, 3.
36 2 Cor. vi, 18.
37 Heb. iv, 16.
38 Isa. lxiii, 16.
39 Matt. vi, 9.

Monday Evening's Prayer.

'Our FATHER who art in Heaven, hallowed be THY name.'

OMNIPOTENT and merciful BEING, who art the LORD of lords, and KING of kings,[1] and yet our FATHER,[2] behold, we come unto THEE; for THOU art THE LORD our GOD,[3] and to THE LORD our GOD belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against HIM.[4] Yes, this is THY name for ever, and this is THY memorial unto all generations:[5]—'THE LORD, THE LORD GOD, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity, and transgression, and sin.[6]

Oh, prepare our hearts to seek THEE.[7] The preparations of the heart in man are from THEE, O LORD; and so, also, is the answer of the tongue.[8] We therefore ask THEE to pour upon us, not only the spirit of prayer, but also the grace of supplication.[9] Let the words of our mouths, as well as the meditation of our hearts, be acceptable in THY sight, O LORD, our strength and our REDEEMER.[10] Teach us what

we should say unto THEE, for we cannot order our speech by reason of darkness:[11] we know not what we should pray for as we ought; let THY HOLY SPIRIT help our infirmities,[12] and with loving kindness draw us to THYSELF.[13] Then, with true hearts and in full assurance of faith,[14] we shall pray, and THOU wilt grant us the petitions that we shall desire of THEE.[15]

Oh, give us the desire of our hearts;[16] for the desire of our hearts is to THY name,[17] which we pray may be hallowed;[18] and to the remembrance of THEE, as our FATHER in Heaven,[19]

We bow ourselves before THEE[20] in very love, and bless THEE that there has sounded in our souls THY loving voice, saying to each of us;—'Thou hast destroyed thyself, but in ME is thy help.[21] Return unto ME, for I have redeemed thee,[22] redeemed thee with the precious blood of CHRIST.'[23]

O gracious GOD, THOU dost commend THY great love to us in that while we were yet sinners, CHRIST died for us.[24] Herein is love![25] THOU hast set forth JESUS CHRIST to be a propitiation, through faith in HIS blood, to declare HIS righteousness for the remission of sins.[26] Thanks be unto THEE for THINE

unspeakable gift;[27] for, the work of that righteousness, when received into the soul by faith, is peace; and the effect of that righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever.[28]

We come into THY presence with thanksgiving[29] for the multitude of THY mercies;[30] but we come not in our own name,[31] we trust not in our own righteousness[32] for acceptance with THEE. We trust in the one MEDIATOR between GOD and men, the man CHRIST JESUS;[33] and by HIM would offer the sacrifice of praise to THEE, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to THY name,[34] as our FATHER.

But though THOU art our FATHER,[35] THOU art also JEHOVAH,[36] THE HIGH AND LOFTY ONE, inhabiting eternity, whose name is holy.[37] Yes, THOU art in Heaven, and we are upon the earth, therefore our words should be few.[38]

Oh, THOU all-loving FATHER, who knowest what things we have need of before we ask THEE,[39] and who art able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think,[40] we would cast all our care upon THEE,[41] believing that THOU wilt make all things work together for the good of those who love THEE;[42] and THOU knowest that *we* love THEE.[43]

*[May we in the night watches remember THEE upon our beds,[44] and be comforted by the thought of THY name.[45] Yea, as one whom his mother comforteth, so do THOU comfort us, THY children,[46] and may our sleep be sweet.[47] Hear THOU our prayers, for THY dear SON's sake.] Our FATHER who art in Heaven, &c.

Passages quoted in the preceding Prayer :—

1 Rev. xvii, 14.
2 Isa. lxiii, 16.
3 Jer. iii, 22.
4 Dan. ix, 9.
5 Exod. iii, 15.
6 Exod. xxxiv, 6.
7 1 Sam. vii, 3.
8 Prov. xvi, 1.
9 Zech. xii, 10.
10 Ps. xix, 14.
11 Job xxxvii, 19.
12 Rom. viii, 26.
13 Jer. xxxi, 3.
14 Heb. x, 22.
15 1 John v, 15.
16 Ps. xxxvii, 4.
17 Isa. xxvi, 8.
18 Matt. vi, 9.
19 Matt. vii, 11.
20 Mic. vi, 6.
21 Hos. xiii, 9.
22 Isa. xliv, 22.
23 1 Pet. i, 19.
24 Rom. v, 8.
25 1 John iv, 10.
26 Rom. iii, 25.
27 2 Cor. ix, 15.
28 Isa. xxxii, 17.
29 Ps. c, 4.
30 Ps. v, 7.
31 John v, 43.
32 Ezek. xxxiii, 13.
33 1 Tim. ii, 5.
34 Heb. xiii, 15.
35 Isa. lxiii, 16.
36 Ps. lxxxiii, 18.
37 Isa. lvii, 15.
38 Eccles. v, 2.
39 Matt. vi, 8.
40 Eph. iii, 20.
41 1 Pet. v, 7.
42 Rom. viii, 28.
43 John xxi, 15.
44 Ps. lxiii, 6.
45 Mal. iii, 16.
46 Isa. lxvi, 13.
47 Prov. iii, 24.

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* By omitting the passages which are enclosed in brackets [ ], the week day Evening Prayers are rendered suitable for Morning Devotions.

Tuesday Morning's Prayer.

'THY kingdom come.'

ETERNAL SPIRIT, before whom the seraphim veil their faces,[1] yet who art justly styled 'THE GOD of all grace,'[2] we present ourselves before THEE[3] in the multitude of THY mercies;[4] having said one to an other, in spirit;—'O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before THE LORD our MAKER.'[5]

But in vain do we worship THEE,[6] if we lift not up our hearts, as well as our hands, unto THEE in the Heavens.[7] THOU seest not as man seeth; for, man looketh on the outward appearance, but THOU, O LORD, lookest on the heart.[8] Grant therefore that we may not draw nigh unto THEE with our mouths, and honour THEE with our lips, having our hearts all the while far from THEE;[9] but may, in very deed, worship THEE, who art a Spirit,[10] in spirit and in truth,[11] and be able to say, 'With my whole heart have I sought THEE;[12] with my soul have I desired

THEE in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek THEE early.'[13] Then let us hear THY SPIRIT'S voice replying;—'I love those who love ME; and those who seek ME early shall find ME,[14] find ME a very present help in trouble.'[15] Thus may we be encouraged to draw near to THEE with true hearts and in full assurance of faith,[16] believing that THOU art a rewarder of those who diligently seek THEE;[17] and that THOU, THYSELF, wilt be found of those who seek THEE, when they shall search for THEE with all their heart.[18]

Oh, that THOU wouldst put THY SPIRIT within us, and cause us to walk in THY ways,[19] and to lift up our souls unto THEE.[20] May we ever be spiritually minded, which is life and peace.[21] We would live in THE SPIRIT;[22] we would walk in THE SPIRIT;[23] we would have THY SPIRIT of peace ruling in our hearts.[24] Oh, may THY kingdom, which is righteousness and peace and joy in THE HOLY GHOST,[25] be set up[26] in our hearts. Give us the righteousness which is by faith in JESUS CHRIST;[27] the peace which passeth all understanding—THY peace;[28] and the joy that is unspeakable and full of glory.[29]

May we know experimentally what it is to *live* unto

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with THEE where THOU art, in THY king-
dom.[43]

Grant all, O merciful FATHER, for THY dear
sake. HE told us that whatever we asked of
in HIS name, it would be done for us;[44] and i
HIS name that we offer all our petitions; and,
words of HIS own teaching, we say:—

OUR FATHER who art in Heaven, &c.

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2 Cor. v, 10.
Isa. xxxiv, 2
v, 7.

[16] Heb. x, 22.
[17] Heb. xi, 6.
[18] Jer. xxix, 13
[19] Ezek. xxxvi, 27.
[20] Ps. cxliii, 8.
[21] Rom. 25.
[22] Gal. v, 16.
[23] Gal. v, 16.
[24] Col. iii, 15.
[25] Rom. xiv, 17.
[26] Dan. ii, 44.
[27] Rom. iii, 22.
[28] Phil. iv, 7.
[29] 1 Pet. i, 8.
[30] 2 Cor. v, 15.

[31] Rom. vi,
[32] 1 John iii,
[33] Acts xx, 2
[34] Isa. lii, 11
[35] Phil. i. 27
[36] Ezek. xxxi
[37] Prov. xxii
[38] 2 Cor. viii
[39] Ps. xxxiv,
[40] Matt. vi, 3
[41] Ps. xxvii, 1
[42] Isa. xxxiii,
[43] John xvii,
[44] John xiv, 1

THEE;[30] and to *work* as those who are alive unto GOD.[31]

Help us to acknowledge THY goodness, not in word only, but in deed and in truth,[32] by doing good to our fellow men. Help us to show our gratitude to THEE and our love to them by testifying unto them the gospel of the grace of GOD.[33]

But since THOU dost say;—'Be ye clean that bear the vessels of THE LORD,'[34] may we each individually see well to it that our own life is as it becometh the gospel of CHRIST.[35] May we never give occasion for it to be said of us;—'With their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.'[36]

Oh, that our hearts may be THINE.[37] May we first give our own selves unto THEE, THE LORD;[38] and then seek to win others, to taste and see that THOU art good; and that blessed is the man that trusteth in THEE.[39]

Thus seeking first THY kingdom, O GOD, and THY righteousness,[40] we shall see THY goodness in the land of the living,[41]—see THEE in THY kingdom of grace here; and hereafter we shall see THEE, THE KING, in THY beauty,[42]—see THEE, and be

with THEE where THOU art, in THY kingdom of glory.[43]

Grant all, O merciful FATHER, for THY dear SON'S sake. HE told us that whatever we asked of THEE, in HIS name, it would be done for us;[44] and it is in HIS name that we offer all our petitions; and, in the words of HIS own teaching, we say;—

Our FATHER who art in Heaven, &c.

Passages quoted in the preceding Prayer:—

1 Isa. vi, 2.
2 1 Pet. v, 10.
3 Exod. xxxiv, 2.
4 Ps. v, 7.
5 Ps. xcv, 6.
6 Matt. xv, 9.
7 Lam. iii, 41.
8 1 Sam. xvi, 7.
9 Matt. xv, 8.
10 John iv, 24.
11 John iv, 23.
12 Ps. cxix, 10.
13 Isa. xxvi, 9.
14 Prov. viii, 17.
15 Ps. xlvi, 1.
16 Heb. x, 22.
17 Heb. xi, 6.
18 Jer. xxix, 13
19 Ezek. xxxvi, 27.
20 Ps. cxliii, 8.
21 Rom. viii, 6.
22 Gal. v, 25.
23 Gal. v, 16.
24 Col. iii, 15.
25 Rom, xiv, 17.
26 Dan. ii, 44.
27 Rom. iii, 22.
28 Phil. iv, 7.
29 1 Pet. i, 8.
30 2 Cor. v, 15.
31 Rom. vi, 11.
32 1 John iii, 18.
33 Acts xx, 24.
34 Isa. lii, 11.
35 Phil. i. 27.
36 Ezek. xxxiii, 31.
37 Prov. xxiii, 26.
38 2 Cor. viii, 5.
39 Ps. xxxiv, 8.
40 Matt. vi, 33.
41 Ps. xxvii, 13.
42 Isa. xxxiii, 17.
43 John xvii, 24.
44 John xiv, 13.

Tuesday Evening's Prayer.

'THY kingdom come.'

ETERNAL, immortal, and invisible ONE,[1] THOU who dwellest in the light which no man can approach unto,[2] [the sun hath gone down,[3] and darkness covereth the earth;[4] but the darkness hideth not from THEE;[5] for THOU didst create the light and the darkness,[6] and unto THEE the night shineth as the day.[7]]

The heavens declare THY glory, and the firmament showeth THY handiwork;[8] for by THY word were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of THY mouth.[9] The day is THINE, the night also is THINE;[10] and until day and night come to an end,[11] day unto day will speak of THY goodness, and night unto night will proclaim THY power; each revealing unto man the wondrous works of HIM who is perfect in knowledge;[12] who spake, and it was done; who commanded, and it stood fast.[13]

The heavens and the earth continue this day according to THINE ordinances, for all are THY

servants,[14] fulfilling THY word.[15] THY kingdom ruleth over all;[16] set up THY kingdom in our hearts,[17] and bring into subjection every thought to the obedience of CHRIST.[18] We are THINE;[19] THOU hast formed us for THYSELF that we should show forth THY praise;[20] but, alas! the GOD in whose hand our breath is, and whose are all our ways, have we not glorified[21]—not glorified THEE in our bodies and in our spirits which are THINE[22]—not loved THEE, THE LORD our GOD, with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our might.[23] We speak it to our shame![24]

We are verily guilty.[25] We cannot plead that we have not known THEE, O GOD.[26] Creation speaks to us of THINE eternal power and Godhead;[27] and redemption tells us of the love which THOU, THE FATHER, hast bestowed upon us.[28] So that we are without excuse,[29] because that although we have known THEE as the GOD of creation, we have not glorified THEE as such,[30] nor have our hearts been as grateful as they should have been for the great love wherewith THOU hast loved us,[31] as shown in the gift of a SAVIOUR. Yet, O THOU who knowest all things, THOU *knowest* that we love THEE,[32] and

we would love THEE more. All merciful One, would that we loved THEE with all the heart, and soul, and mind, and strength.[33]

THOU art love itself,[34] and THOU rulest by love. Let THY kingdom of love be established in the earth, that sin may not any more have dominion over us,[35] blinding the eyes of our understandings, and hardening our hearts,[36] and causing us to serve, with a bitter bondage,[37] the god of this world.[38]

Pardon the past. We bless THEE that THOU art a GOD ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness;[39] and therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of THY wings.[40] Look down upon us from Heaven THY dwelling place.[41] Give ear unto our prayer, and attend to the voice of our supplications;[42] and when THOU hearest, forgive.[43]

[THY kingdom is peace;[44] give us peace;[45] cause the weary to rest.[46] Give THY beloved sleep;[47] and if THOU speak to us in visions of the night when deep sleep falleth on men,[48] let it be in love;—let our dreams, like Jacob's, be of THY kingdom of Heaven.[49] There is no night there,[50] no sorrow or crying, nor any more sin or pain, for the former things

are passed away,[51] and tears are wiped from off all faces,[52] and righteousness, peace, and joy in THE HOLY GHOST,[53] alone are known, and THOU art all in all.[54]]

Hear our prayers, gracious FATHER, for THY dear SON's sake. Amen.

Our FATHER who art in Heaven, &c.

Passages quoted in the preceding Prayer :—

1 1 Tim. i, 17.
2 1 Tim. vi, 16.
3 Isa. lx, 20.
4 Isa. lx, 2.
5 Ps. cxxxix, 12.
6 Isa. xlv, 7.
7 Ps. cxxxix, 12.
8 Ps. xix, 1.
9 Ps. xxxiii, 6.
10 Ps. lxxiv, 16.
11 Job xxvi, 10.
12 Job xxxvii, 16.
13 Ps. xxxiii, 9.
14 Ps. cxix, 91.
15 Ps. cxlviii, 8.
16 Ps. ciii, 19.
17 Dan. ii, 44.
18 2 Cor. x, 5.
19 Isa. lxiii, 19.
20 Isa. xliii, 21.
21 Dan. v, 23.
22 1 Cor. vi, 20.
23 Deut. vi, 5.
24 1 Cor. vi, 5.
25 Gen. xlii, 21.
26 Ps. lxxix, 6.
27 Rom. i, 20.
28 1 John iii, 1.
29 Rom, i, 20.
30 Rom. i, 21.
31 Eph. ii, 4.
32 John xxi, 15.
33 Mark xii, 30.
34 1 John iv, 8.
35 Rom. vi, 14.
36 John xii, 40.
37 Exod. i, 14.
38 2 Cor. iv, 4.
39 Neh. ix, 17.
40 Ps. xxxvi, 7.
41 1 Kings viii, 30.
42 Ps. lxxxvi, 6.
43 2 Chron. vi, 21.
44 Rom. xiv, 17.
45 2 Thess. iii, 16.
46 Isa. xxviii, 12.
47 Ps. cxxvii, 2.
48 Job iv, 13.
49 Gen. xxviii, 12.
50 Rev. xxi, 25.
51 Rev. xxi, 4.
52 Isa. xxv, 8.
53 Rom. xiv, 17.
54 1 Cor. xv, 28.

Wednesday Morning's Prayer.

'THY will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.'

ALMIGHTY SPIRIT, who dwellest in light which no man can approach unto,[1] but who hast revealed THYSELF to us not only as Light,[2] but also as Love,[3] let the light of the glorious gospel of CHRIST,[4] which is the most blessed expression of THY love,[5] shine into our hearts,[6] that we may know and love THEE, the only true GOD, and JESUS CHRIST whom THOU hast sent.[7]

In THY glorious work of creation, THOU didst say;—'Let there be light!' and there was light.[8] In THY still more glorious work of redemption, THOU didst say;—'Let there be light,—the light of the knowledge of the glory of GOD in the face of JESUS CHRIST:'[9] and it was so. HE was the brightness of THY glory,[10] and could therefore say;—'He who hath seen ME hath seen THE FATHER.'[11] THOU wast that Heavenly LIGHT[12] which dwelt in HIM,[13] and which came forth and wrote, as it were with the fingers of a man's hand,[14] this divine sentence;—'THE FATHER HIMSELF loveth you.'[15] O gracious GOD, we bless

THEE that HE whose mission it was to bear witness to the LIGHT[16] thus testified of THEE.

Let the light of THY truth so reveal THY SON to us,[17] that we may see, in THY gift of a SAVIOUR, such evidence of THY love,[18] that we may feel assured that THOU, who hast given HIM, wilt with HIM freely give us all things[19] needful for life and godliness;[20] and that it is our highest wisdom to leave all events trustfully in THY hands,[21] and ever say;—'THY will be done.'[22]

THOU art HE who holdeth our souls in life.[23] In THEE we live, and move, and have our being.[24] We laid ourselves down in peace, and slept; for THOU, LORD, madest us rest in safety.[25] We awaked; for THOU, LORD, sustainedst us.[26] Now, hold up our goings in THY paths, that our footsteps slip not.[27]

We know not what a day may bring forth;[28] but if THOU wilt be with us, and wilt keep us in the way that we go,[29] there shall no evil befall us.[30] And hast THOU not promised to be with us, and keep us?[31] Remember THY word unto THY servants upon which THOU hast caused us to hope;[32] and do as THOU hast said, and keep us from evil, that it may not grieve us.[33] We would set THEE, THE LORD,

always before us,[34] and endeavour to be perfect, as THOU, our FATHER in Heaven, art perfect.[35]

Sin is that abominable thing which THOU hatest;[36] and THOU requirest that *we* hate it. THOU hast said;—'Ye that love THE LORD, hate evil.'[37] We are to be followers of THEE, as dear children, and walk in love.[38] May our souls follow *hard* after THEE; and may THY right hand uphold us.[39] O GOD, we lift up our souls to THEE,[40] intreatingly asking that we may not only *know* the way wherein we should walk,[41] but *walk* therein:[42] not only *approve* the things that are excellent,[43] but ever *follow* that which is good;[44] praying in not only a spirit of passive resignation, but in a spirit of earnest entreaty,[45] that THY will may be done by us on earth as it is done by the angels in Heaven,[46]—cheerfully,[47] diligently,[48] constantly,[49] and perfectly,[50]—doing the will of GOD from the heart.[51]

But who is sufficient for these things?[52] We thank THEE, O FATHER,[53] that this question is answered in THY word:—'Our sufficiency is of GOD.'[54] Oh, grant that, knowing this, we may each of us, morning by morning,[55] fervently pray,[56] as we do now, that we may be strengthened with might by THY SPIRIT in

our inner man;[57] and, evening by evening, have to record;—'In the day when I cried, THOU answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.'[58]

We present these our petitions in the name of our only REDEEMER, JESUS CHRIST.

Our FATHER who art in Heaven, &c.

Passages quoted in the preceding Prayer:—

1 1 Tim. vi, 16.
2 1 John i, 5.
3 1 John iv, 8.
4 2 Cor. iv, 4.
5 1 John iv, 10.
6 2 Cor. iv, 4.
7 John xvii, 3.
8 Gen. i, 3.
9 2 Cor. iv, 6.
10 Heb. i, 3.
11 John xiv, 9.
12 1 John i, 5.
13 John xiv, 10.
14 Dan. v, 5.
15 John xvi, 27.
16 John i, 7.
17 Gal. i, 16.
18 1 John iv, 10.
19 Rom. viii, 32.
20 2 Pet. i, 3.
21 1 Pet. v, 7.
22 Matt. vi, 10.
23 Ps. lxvi, 9.
24 Acts xvii, 28.
25 Ps. iv, 8.
26 Ps. iii, 5.
27 Ps. xvii, 5.
28 Prov. xxvii, 1.
29 Gen. xxviii, 20.
30 Ps. xci, 10.
31 Gen. xxviii, 15.
32 Ps. cxix, 49.
33 1 Chr. iv, 10.
34 Ps. xvi, 8.
35 Matt. v, 48.
36 Jer. xliv, 4.
37 Ps. xcvii, 10.
38 Eph. v, 1, 2.
39 Ps. lxiii, 8.
40 Ps. cxliii, 8.
41 Ps. cxliii, 8.
42 Jer. vi, 16.
43 Phil. i, 10.
44 3 John 11.
45 1 Cor. xii, 31.
46 Matt. vi, 10.
47 Rom. xii, 8.
48 2 Pet. i, 5.
49 Ps. cxix, 112.
50 Matt. v, 48.
51 Eph. vi, 6.
52 2 Cor. ii, 16.
53 Matt. xi, 25.
54 2 Cor. iii, 5.
55 Isa. L, 4.
56 Jas. v, 16.
57 Eph. iii, 16.
58 Ps. cxxxviii, 3.

Wednesday Evening's Prayer.

'THY will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.'

O THOU who art THE FAITHFUL GOD, who keepeth covenant and showeth mercy unto those who love HIM,[1] and walk before HIM in truth;[2] hast THOU not promised that if we delight ourselves in THEE, THOU wilt give us the desires of our hearts?[3] Turn our affections, then, we beseech THEE, from the pleasures of sin, which are but for a season,[4] to the pleasures which are at THY right hand, and are for evermore;[5] the pleasures of knowing and loving THEE, who needest only to be known, to be beloved; and to be better known, to be beloved the more.

Oh, that we each might be able to say,—'I delight to do THY will, O GOD;[6] the knowledge of it, and the grace to live in conformity with it, are more precious to me than thousands of gold and silver.'[7] The many say,—'Who will show us any good?'[8] This is all *our* salvation and all *our* desire[9]—that THOU wouldest lift upon us the light of THY coun-

tenance, and give us peace,[10] by bringing our wills into conformity with THINE.

Oh, that we may know, in this our day of grace, the things which belong to our peace![11]

One of old said;—'Wherewith shall I come before THE LORD, and bow myself before THE HIGH GOD? Shall I come before HIM with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? Will THE LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'[12] And the answer that came to those inquiries was this;—'HE hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth THE LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy GOD?'[13]

Thus it is done in Heaven, and thus may it be done on earth.[14] CHRIST delighted to do THY will, O GOD;'[15] may we grow up unto HIM in all things.[16] HE left us an example that we should follow in HIS steps,[17] and promised that, if we were faithful, we should be with HIM where HE is.[18] Oh, that we may be faithful unto death![19] Then we shall see THY face,[20] and be like THEE; for we shall see THEE

as THOU art,[21] and THOU wilt make us to drink of the river of THY pleasures.[22]

And what are THY pleasures, gracious GOD? What dost THOU delight in? THOU delightest in mercy.[23] Yes, in loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness; in these things dost THOU delight:[24] and we know that if we would be partakers of THY divine nature,[25] and drink of the river of THY pleasures hereafter;[26]—if we would awake in THY likeness, and be satisfied;[27]—we must be conformed to the image of THY SON here,[28] and be followers of THEE.[29]

Oh, for THY blessed SPIRIT to work in us both to will and to do of THY good pleasure;[30] and to enable us, as we have opportunity, to do good unto all men,[31] and that with gladness and singleness of heart;[32] *rejoicing* to work righteousness,[33] even as THOU, our FATHER, dost rejoice over *us* to do us good.[34] Oh, may THY will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven.[35]

Alas, LORD, we are but slothful followers of THEE.[36] Oh, quicken us,[37] and draw us, and we will run after THEE.[38] We will run in the way of THY commandments, when THOU shalt enlarge our hearts.[39] Enlarge them, we pray THEE, so that we shall embrace in the

arms of affection the whole human race, the whole family in Heaven and earth.[40]

[THOU watchest over all. THOU slumberest not nor sleepest.[41] We, by the necessities of our nature, have to lie down and take rest in sleep.[42] Help us to do so with a loving, childlike trust in THEE, our faithful CREATOR.[43]]

We ask all in the name of THY SON our SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.[44]

Our FATHER who art in Heaven, &c.

Passages quoted in the preceding Prayer :—

1 Deut. vii, 9.
2 1 Kings ii, 4.
3 Ps. xxxvii, 4.
4 Heb. xi, 25.
5 Ps. xvi, 11.
6 Ps. xl, 8.
7 Ps. cxix, 72.
8 Ps. iv, 6.
9 2 Sam. xxiii, 5
10 Num. vi, 26.
11 Luke xix, 42.
12 Mic. vi, 6, 7.
13 Mic. vi, 8.
14 Matt. vi, 10.
15 Ps. xl, 8.
16 Eph. iv, 15.
17 1 Pet. ii, 21.
18 Matt. xxv, 21.
19 Rev. ii, 10.
20 Job xxxiii, 26.
21 1 John iii, 2.
22 Ps. xxxvi, 8.
23 Mic. vii, 18.
24 Jer. ix, 24.
25 2 Pet. i, 4.
26 Ps. xxxvi, 8.
27 Ps. xvii, 15.
28 Rom. viii, 29.
29 Eph. v, 1.
30 Phil. ii, 13.
31 Gal. vi, 10.
32 Acts ii, 46.
33 Isa. lxiv, 5.
34 Deut. xxviii, 63.
35 Matt. vi, 10.
36 Matt. xxv, 26.
37 Ps. lxxx, 18.
38 Cant. i, 4.
39 Ps. cxix, 32.
40 Eph. iii, 15.
41 Ps. cxxi, 4.
42 John xi, 13.
43 1 Pet. iv, 19.
44 John xiv, 13.

Thursday Morning's Prayer.

'Give us this day our daily bread.'

ALL-LOVING, omniscient, and omnipotent FATHER, who knowest what things we need before we ask THEE,[1] and who carest for us[2] with more than even a mother's love,[3] give us this day our daily bread;[4] and as THOU art love itself,[5] and wouldest have us, THY children, to be partakers of THY divine nature,[6] feed our souls with spiritual food, —the *bread* of life, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST,[7]—that we may become one with HIM and with THEE;[8]—and with the *water* of life, THE HOLY SPIRIT,[9]—that we may be refreshed and strengthened to serve THEE.[10]

Oh, THOU who hast promised that bread shall be given us, and our water shall be sure,[11] remember THY word unto THY servants, upon which THOU hast caused us to hope,[12] and feed us with food convenient for us.[13]

We thank THEE, and praise THY glorious name,[14] not only for the blessings of the life that now is,[15] in

that THOU dost give us richly all things to enjoy,[16] filling our hearts with food and gladness;[17] but also for THINE exceeding great and precious promises[18] respecting the life that is to come:[19]—that it shall be a life spent in THY presence,[20] where there is fulness of joy, and at THY right hand, where there are pleasures for evermore:[21] that we shall see THY face, and shall serve THEE;[22] and that in that blessed service of waiting on THEE none shall be weary;[23] for there, as here, those who wait on THEE shall renew their strength.[24] Strengthen us for THY service of love. The end of the commandment is *love*,[25] and the first-fruit of THE SPIRIT is *love*;[26] therefore, that we may keep the commandment, give us, we pray THEE, THY blessed SPIRIT.[27]

THY SON told us that, willing as are earthly parents to give good things to their children, THOU, our Heavenly PARENT, art infinitely more willing to give THY HOLY SPIRIT to those who ask THEE.[28] We ask now for THY HOLY SPIRIT, that HE may guide us into all truth,[29] and give us to know the great love wherewith THOU hast loved us,[30] that our faith and hope may be in THEE.[31]

Help us to apply our hearts unto knowledge[32]—

the knowledge of THE HOLY;[33]—to acquaint now ourselves with THEE, and be at peace; for thereby good shall come unto us.[34] This is the beginning of wisdom;[35] as, indeed, it is the end of wisdom; for this is life eternal,—to know THEE, the only true GOD, and JESUS CHRIST, whom THOU hast sent.[36]

Put, therefore, we pray THEE, THY HOLY SPIRIT into our hearts[37] that we may cry after knowledge, and lift up our voice for understanding; seeking it as silver, searching for it as for hid treasure,[38] and esteeming it more than our necessary food,[39] ever remembering THY gracious promise, that if we do so, we shall understand the fear of THE LORD, and find the knowledge of GOD;[40] the knowledge that THOU delightest in mercy,[41] and rejoicest over us to do us good;[42] so shall we have our delight in THEE, THE ALMIGHTY, and shall lift up our faces lovingly to GOD; and the light shall shine upon our ways.[43]

Lift THOU up the light of THY countenance upon us now,[44] and give us peace;[45] and may we walk in the light as THOU art in the light, and have fellowship one with an other, and the blood of JESUS CHRIST THY SON shall cleanse us from all sin.[46]

Oh, to attain to that! Is it not the desire of our

souls?[47] We trust that we can truthfully say, that it is all our salvation, and all our desire.[48] Help us, then, to delight ourselves in THEE, and this, the desire of our hearts, shall be given us;[49] for the mouth of THE LORD hath spoken it.[50] We ask all in the name of our SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST.

Our FATHER who art in Heaven, &c.

Passages quoted in the preceding Prayer:—

1 Matt. vi, 8.
2 1 Pet. v, 7.
3 Isa. xlix, 15.
4 Matt. vi, 11.
5 1 John iv, 8.
6 2 Pet. i, 4.
7 John vi, 48.
8 John xvii, 11.
9 John vii, 37-39.
10 Eph. iii, 16.
11 Isa. xxxiii, 16.
12 Ps. cxix, 49.
13 Prov. xxx, 8.
14 1 Chr. xxix, 13.
15 1 Tim. iv, 8.
16 1 Tim. vi, 17.
17 Acts xiv, 17.
18 2 Pet. i, 4.
19 1 Tim. iv, 8.
20 1 Thess. iv, 17
21 Ps. xvi, 11.
22 Rev. xxii, 3, 4.
23 Isa. v, 27.
24 Isa. xl, 31.
25 1 Tim. i, 5.
26 Gal. v, 22.
27 1 John iv, 13.
28 Luke xi, 13.
29 John xvi, 13.
30 Eph. ii, 4.
31 1 Pet. i, 21.
32 Prov. xxii, 17.
33 Prov. ix, 10.
34 Job xxii, 21.
35 Ps. cxi, 10.
36 John xvii, 3.
37 Gal. iv, 6.
38 Prov. ii, 3, 4.
39 Job xxiii, 12.
40 Prov. ii, 5.
41 Mic. vii, 18.
42 Deut. xxviii, 63.
43 Job xxii, 26-28.
44 Ps. iv, 6.
45 Num. vi, 26.
46 1 John i, 7.
47 Isa. xxvi, 8.
48 2 Sam. xxiii, 5.
49 Ps. xxxvii, 4.
50 Isa. lviii, 14.

Thursday Evening's Prayer.

'Give us this day our daily bread.'

THOU glorious FOUNTAIN OF LIFE![1] THOU GOD of the spirits of all flesh![2] our bodies and our spirits are THINE;[3] and it is our duty to worship THEE with our spirits,[4] and to offer THEE our bodies as a living sacrifice.[5]

But, ah! HEAVENLY FATHER,[6] what do we know of self-sacrifice? of denying ourselves all ungodliness;[7] of crucifying the flesh with the affections and lusts;[8] of living not unto ourselves,[9] but unto HIM who hath loved us, and hath given HIMSELF for us an offering and a sacrifice to THEE;[10] of gladly spending and being spent for others, though the more abundantly we love, the less we be beloved?[11]—What do we know of these things? And yet, O LORD, by these things men live; and in all these things is the life of our spirits.[12] What, though our outward man perish, the inward man is renewed day by day[13] by THY SPIRIT dwelling in us,[14] if we suffer ourselves to be led by THY SPIRIT.[15]

Oh, may THY SPIRIT work in us to will and to do THY good pleasure.[16] We have asked of THEE our daily bread;[17] and THOU hast said,—'Bread shall be given you, and your water shall be sure.'[18] May *we* draw out *our* souls to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul.[19] THOU givest to us richly all things to enjoy:[20] freely we have received, freely may we give.[21] As we have opportunity, may we do good unto all men,[22] remembering the teaching of THY SON concerning the judgment of the last day,[23] when to some it will be said,—'Come, ye blessed of MY FATHER, for I was hungered, and ye gave ME meat; thirsty, and ye gave ME drink; a stranger, and ye took ME in; naked, and ye clothed ME; sick and in prison, and ye came unto ME; for, in that ye did it unto one of the least of these, MY brethren, ye did it unto ME.'[24] While to others, alas! it will be said,—'In that ye did it *not* unto one of the least of these, MY brethren, ye did it not unto ME.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal,[25] to be for ever with THE LORD.[26]

O GOD, THOU hast set before us life and death, blessing and cursing.[27] Give us grace to choose life

that our souls may live,[28] quickened by THY SPIRIT dwelling in them.[29] May the life which we now live in the flesh[30] be a life devoted to THY service; so that when we fall aleep in death, and are laid with our fathers;[31] we, having served our generation according to THY will, O GOD, and turned many to righteousness,[32] shall awake in THY likeness,[33] and be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might;[34] and not be numbered with those who, having lived but for themselves, are banished from THY presence,[35] and become wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.[36] We would *work* as those who are alive unto GOD;[37] and *rest* as those who know whom they have believed, and are persuaded that HE is able to keep that which they have committed unto HIM against that day.[38]

Grant, gracious GOD, that in the last great day we may each of us have a place and a name in THY kingdom of love,[39] not having on our own righteousness,[40] but the righteousness which cometh from THEE only;[41] even the righteousness which is by faith in JESUS CHRIST, and is unto all and upon all those who believe.[42] For assuredly if ever we are saved, it will not be by works of righteousness which we

have done, but through THY mercy, by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of THE HOLY GHOST.[43]

Oh, hear THOU the prayer of THY servants, and their supplications;[44] and speak to us in love, preaching peace by JESUS CHRIST,[45] our only SAVIOUR and REDEEMER.

Our FATHER who art in Heaven, &c.

Passages quoted in the preceding Prayer :—

1 Ps. xxxvi, 9.
2 Num. xvi, 22.
3 1 Cor. vi, 20.
4 John iv, 23.
5 Rom. xii, 1.
6 Matt. vi, 32.
7 Tit. ii, 12.
8 Gal. v, 24.
9 Rom. xiv, 7.
10 Eph. v, 2.
11 2 Cor. xii, 15.
12 Isa. xxxviii, 16.
13 2 Cor. iv, 16.
14 John xiv, 17.
15 Gal. v, 18.
16 Phil. ii, 13.
17 Matt. vi, 11.
18 Isa. xxxiii, 16.
19 Isa. lviii, 10.
20 1 Tim. vi, 17.
21 Matt. x, 8.
22 Gal. vi, 10.
23 John xii, 48.
24 Matt. xxv, 34-40.
25 Matt. xxv, 45, 46.
26 1 Thess. iv, 17.
27 Deut. xi, 26.
28 Deut. xxx, 19.
29 Rom. viii, 11.
30 Gal. ii, 20.
31 Acts xiii, 36.
32 Dan. xii, 3.
33 Ps. xvii, 15.
34 Judges v, 31.
35 Matt. xxv, 41.
36 Jude 13.
37 Rom. vi, 11.
38 2 Tim. i, 12.
39 Isa. lvi, 5.
40 Phil. iii, 9.
41 Ps. xxiv, 5.
42 Rom. lii, 22.
43 Tit. iii, 5.
44 2 Chr. vi, 39.
45 Acts x, 36.

Friday Morning's Prayer.

'Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.'

MERCIFUL FATHER, who art good, and ready to forgive; yea, *plenteous* in mercy unto all those who call upon THEE;[1] to all who call upon THEE in truth;[2] give ear unto our prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.[3] We lift up our hearts as well as our hands unto THEE in the Heavens.[4] Oh, hear THOU in Heaven, THY dwelling place; and when THOU hearest, forgive.[5]

We bless THEE that there is forgiveness with THEE;[6] that on CHRIST were laid the iniquities of us all;[7] and that HE not only bore those iniquities, but their punishment likewise.[8] HE made HIS soul an offering for sin;[9] and was wounded for *our* transgressions, and bruised for *our* iniquities.[10] And now THOU dost offer us a free pardon.[11] Oh, may we be willing freely to pardon others,[12] for if we do not, THINE own gracious offer of pardon will certainly be withdrawn, according to the saying of THY SON,

that if we from our hearts forgive not each other, neither wilt THOU, our FATHER, forgive us.[13]

May we have fervent charity among ourselves,[14] so that if any be overtaken in a fault, we may have grace to restore such a one in the spirit of meekness,[15] and, bearing one an other's burdens, so fulfil the law of CHRIST,[16]—the law of love.[17]

We are going forth to our work and to our labour until the evening;[18] and offences, we know, will come.[19] In many things we offend others; in some things others offend us.[20] May we never render evil for evil;[21] and if we have to reprove a fault in an other, may we speak the truth in love,[22] not counting such a one as an enemy; but admonishing him as a brother,[23]—a brother beloved.[24]

But may we be sure that what we reprove is *sin*. May we never make a man an offender for a word;[25] or be strangers to the possession of that charity which, in considering a brother's doubtful actions, hopeth all things;[26] and, in considering his actual transgressions, seeks how it can best hide them from the knowledge of others,—covering them with the mantle of love.[27]

Oh, that we may always have compassion one on

an other, and love as brethren, be pitiful, and be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing, but contrariwise blessing;[28] being kindly affectioned one to an other with brotherly love;[29] seeking to relieve the oppressed,[30] to comfort the feeble minded, to support the weak, and to be patient toward all men.[31]

And do THOU, O GRACIOUS GOD, be patient toward *us*. Oh, deal not with us according to our sins, neither reward us according to our iniquities;[32] but pardon THY servants according to the greatness of THY mercy.[33]

Forgive us, gracious FATHER, now;[34] wash us throughly from our iniquity;[35] for if THOU wash us not, we shall have no part with THEE;[36] for except a man be born of water and of THE SPIRIT he cannot enter into the kingdom of GOD.[37] Oh, wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.[38] Then, though bonds and afflictions await[39] us in this life; if we in patience possess our souls,[40] it shall be well with us;[41] for we shall, in the last day, through grace, be numbered among those of whom it will be said;—'These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood

of THE LAMB; therefore are they before the throne of GOD, and serve HIM day and night in HIS temple;'[42] and we, catching up the strain, shall reply;—'Not unto us, not unto us, be the praise;[43] but unto HIM who loved us, and washed us from our sins in HIS own blood; to HIM be glory and dominion for ever. Amen.'[44]

Our FATHER who art in Heaven, &c.

Passages quoted in the preceding Prayer:—

1 Ps. lxxxvi, 5.
2 Ps. cxlv, 18.
3 Ps. xvii, 1.
4 Lam. iii, 41.
5 1 Kings viii, 30.
6 Ps. cxxx, 4.
7 Isa. liii, 6.
8 1 Pet. ii, 24.
9 Isa. liii, 10.
10 Isa. liii, 5.
11 Rom. iii, 23-25.
12 Matt. x, 8.
13 Matt. vi, 15.
14 1 Pet. iv, 8.
15 Gal. vi, 1.
16 Gal. vi, 2.
17 Luke vi, 31.
18 Ps. civ, 23.
19 Luke xvii, 1.
20 Jas. iii, 2.
21 1 Thess. v, 15.
22 Eph. iv, 15.
23 2 Thess. iii, 15.
24 Philem. 16.
25 Isa. xxix, 21.
26 1 Cor. xiii, 7.
27 Col. iii, 14.
28 1 Pet. iii, 8, 9.
29 Rom. xii, 10.
30 Isa. i, 17.
31 1 Thess. v, 14.
32 Ps. ciii, 10.
33 Num. xiv, 19.
34 2 Cor. vi, 2.
35 Ps. li, 2.
36 John xiii, 8.
37 John iii, 5.
38 Ps. li, 7.
39 Acts xx, 23.
40 Luke xxi, 19.
41 Ps. cxxviii, 2.
42 Rev. vii, 14, 15.
43 Ps. cxv, 1.
44 Rev. i, 5, 6.

Friday Evening's Prayer.

'Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.'

MOST BLESSED and MOST HIGH GOD,[1] THOU who searchest all hearts, and understandest all the imaginations of the thoughts,[2] we bow before THEE with reverence and gratitude, wondering at the largeness of that Heart which can know us intimately, and yet love us; seeing that in us there dwelleth no good thing;[3] for every imagination of the thoughts of our hearts is only evil continually.[4]

Truly THY love to us is wonderful.[5] Oh, may THY goodness lead us to repentance.[6] Thanks be unto THEE for the gracious promise, that if we turn from our evil ways,[7] and, acknowledging our sins,[8] turn unto THEE from whom we have so deeply revolted,[9] THOU wilt be merciful to our unrighteousness, and our sins and our iniquities THOU wilt remember no more.[10]

And hast THOU said, and wilt THOU not do it? or hast THOU spoken, and wilt THOU not make it

good?[11] Oh, when we confess our sins and pray THEE to be faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness,[12] let us hear THY SPIRIT'S voice saying in our hearts, 'HE is faithful that promised.'[13]

May we, too, be found faithful,[14] as becometh good stewards of the manifold grace of GOD.[15] THOU requirest that we do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with THEE.[16] May *we* be as faithful and just to forgive others, as THOU, our HEAVENLY FATHER, art to forgive us;[17] and the mercy which THOU so cheerfully showest to us, may we as cheerfully show to others;[18] ever doing unto them, as we would that they should do unto us;[19] and exercising ourselves to have always a conscience void of offence toward THEE and toward all men.[20]

Seeing that offences will come,[21] and knowing that in many things we all offend,[22] grant us grace to be kind one to an other, tender hearted, forgiving one an other, even as THOU for CHRIST'S sake hast forgiven us.[23] May we, as dear children, be followers of THEE, O GOD, and walk in love;[24] loving THEE with all the heart, and soul, and mind, and strength,[25] and loving one an other with pure hearts fervently.[26]

THOU dost command that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men.[27] Oh, do THOU dry the tears of those who are oppressed and have no comforter.[28] Heal the broken in heart, and bind THOU up their wounds;[29] and help us all to look forward with a good hope,—a good hope through grace,[30]—to that time when the ransomed of THE LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy; and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.[31]

[And if, in the night, sleep departeth from our eyes,[32] and our heart taketh not rest;[33] in the multitude of our thoughts within us, may THY comforts delight our souls.[34] Yea, as one whom his mother comforteth, so do THOU comfort us, O GOD.[35] Let that be the refreshing wherewith THOU dost cause the weary to rest.[36]

But if, for some wise purpose, wearisome nights are appointed us,[37] and our days are to be days of affliction,[38] help us to receive with meekness, yea, and with thankfulness, the chastening which THOU designest for our profit,[39] and to wait with patience all the days of our appointed time till our change come,[40] and we enter, through the gates of death,[41] into that city in

which the inhabitants shall never have to say that they are sick, the people that dwell therein are forgiven their iniquity,[42] and tears are wiped away from off all faces.[43]]

Grant it for THY dear SON's sake.

Our FATHER who art in Heaven, &c.

Passages quoted in the preceding Prayer :—

1 Gen. xiv, 20.
2 1 Chr. xxviii, 9.
3 Rom. vii, 18.
4 Gen. vi, 5.
5 2 Sam. i, 26.
6 Rom. ii, 4.
7 Jonah iii, 8.
8 Jer. iii, 13.
9 Isa. xxxi, 6.
10 Heb. viii, 12.
11 Num. xxiii, 19.
12 1 John i, 9.
13 Heb. x, 23.
14 1 Cor. iv, 2.
15 1 Pet. iv, 10.
16 Mic. vi, 8.
17 1 John i, 9.
18 Rom. xii, 8.
19 Matt. vii, 12.
20 Acts xxiv, 16.
21 Luke xvii, 1.
22 Jas. iii, 2.
23 Eph. iv, 32.
24 Eph. v, 1.
25 Mark xii, 30.
26 1 Pet. i, 22.
27 1 Tim. ii, 1.
28 Eccles. iv, 1.
29 Ps. cxlvii, 3.
30 2 Thess. ii, 16.
31 Isa. xxxv, 10.
32 Gen. xxxi, 40.
33 Eccles. ii, 23.
34 Ps. xciv, 19.
35 Isa. lxvi, 13.
36 Isa. xxviii, 12.
37 Job vii, 3.
38 Job xxx, 16.
39 Ps. xciv, 12, 13.
40 Job xiv, 14.
41 Job xxxviii, 17.
42 Isa. xxxiii, 24.
43 Isa. xxv, 8.

Saturday Morning's Prayer.

'Lead us not into temptation.'

LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, who art exalted above all blessing and praise;[1] and who yet humblest THYSELF to behold the things that are in Heaven, and on the earth,[2] let THY loving eyes be upon us who fear THEE; and, indeed, upon all who hope in THY mercy.[3]

Oh, how great is THY goodness![4] How precious also are THY loving thoughts unto us, O GOD! how great is the sum of them! If we should count them, they are more in number than the sand.[5] THOU compassest our path and our lying down,[6] and when we awake, we are still with THEE,[7] and find THY mercies new every morning. Great is THY faithfulness![8] THOU hast promised not to leave us nor forsake us;[9] and THY counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.[10] THOU keepest covenant and mercy with THY servants that walk before THEE with all their heart.[11] Remember THY mercy and the covenant which THOU

hast made with us,[12] that no temptation shall happen to us, but such as is common to men; and that THOU wilt with every temptation make a way to escape that we may be able to bear it.[13] We ask that we may not be led into temptation;[14] and seeing that we ask this of THEE, may we, on our part, take heed that we go not in the way of evil, but studiously avoid it, pass not near it, turn from it, and pass away,[15] lest we be led astray by the error of the wicked.[16]

THINE eyes, we are told, run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show THYSELF strong in the behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward THEE.[17] Now, though none of us dare hope for THY mercy on *that* ground;[18] we may hope for it on *this*:—THOU hast said;—'To that man will I look who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at MY word.'[19]

Have THOU respect unto the lowly,[20] THOU who resistest the proud, but givest grace to the humble;[21] and grant that as we know ourselves better, and are more and more acquainted each with the plague of his own heart,[22] we may more and more be clothed with humility;[23] and, in lowliness of mind, esteem others to be better than ourselves.[24]

Save us from trusting in ourselves that we are righteous, and despising others.[25] May we never, even in thought, say to any one;—'Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou.'[26]

Make us sincere and without offence before THEE;[27] —sincere in our love, and without offence in our lives —giving no offence in anything,[28] lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.[29] Rather, may we be fellow-helpers to the truth[30]—to the furtherance of the gospel,[31] the good news, the faithful saying, that CHRIST JESUS came into the world to save sinners.[32] If we have received the knowledge of this blessed truth ourselves,[33] may we, each of us, as we have received the gift, even so minister the same one to an other as good stewards of THY manifold grace;[34] testifying by our lives, even more than by our lips, the power of the gospel of the grace of GOD.[35]

'The grace of GOD'; O blessed words! May they be ever lovingly treasured in our hearts;[36] and when, under a grateful sense of THY goodness, we are led to exclaim, 'What shall I render unto THE LORD for all HIS benefits?'[37] may we hear THY voice replying, 'The grace of GOD which bringeth salvation teacheth you that, denying ungodliness and worldly

lusts, ye should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world,[38] and in the world to come ye shall have life everlasting.'[39]

O gracious GOD, be THOU our refuge, and our portion in the land of the living,[40] our shield, and our exceeding great reward,[41] for CHRIST'S sake. Amen.

Our FATHER who art in Heaven, &c.

Passages quoted in the preceding Prayer :—

1 Neh. ix, 5.
2 Ps. cxiii, 6.
3 Ps. xxxiii, 18.
4 Ps. xxxi, 19.
5 Ps. cxxxix, 17, 18.
6 Ps. cxxxix, 3.
7 Ps. cxxxix, 18.
8 Lam. iii, 23.
9 Heb. xiii, 5.
10 Isa. xxv, 1.
11 1 Kings viii, 23.
12 Ps. cvi, 45.
13 1 Cor. x, 13.
14 Matt. vi, 13.
15 Prov. iv, 14, 15.
16 2 Pet. iii, 17.
17 2 Chr. xvi, 9.
18 Jer. xvii, 9.
19 Isa. lxvi, 2.
20 Ps. cxxxviii, 6.
21 Jas. iv, 6.
22 1 Kings viii, 38.
23 1 Pet. v, 5.
24 Phil. ii, 3.
25 Luke xviii, 9.
26 Isa. lxv, 5.
27 Phil. i, 10.
28 2 Cor. vi, 3.
29 1 Cor. ix, 12.
30 3 John 8.
31 Phil. i, 12.
32 1 Tim. i, 15.
33 Heb. x, 26.
34 1 Pet. iv, 10.
35 Acts xx, 24.
36 Ps. cxix, 11.
37 Ps. cxvi, 12.
38 Tit. ii, 12.
39 Luke xviii, 30.
40 Ps. cxlii, 5.
41 Gen. xv, 1.

Saturday Evening's Prayer.

'Lead us not into temptation.'

O THOU, who hearest prayer,[1] and who delightest in mercy,[2] let our prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips,[3] be set forth before THEE as incense; and the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.[4] The desire of our souls is to THY name, and to the remembrance of THEE,[5] and of THY loving kindness in the day-time; and we resolve that in the night THY song shall be with us, and our prayer unto THEE, THE GOD of our life.[6]

We acknowledge our transgressions, our sins are ever before us;[7] and knowing, by sad experience, how frail we are,[8] we pray that we may not be led into temptation.[9] Of this world's goods, give us neither poverty nor riches, feed us with food convenient for us, lest we be poor and steal, and take THY name in vain, or lest we be rich and forget THEE, and say contemptuously, 'Who is THE LORD?'[10]

We bless THEE that we know THEE who THOU

art.[11] Ages ago, our fathers trusted in THEE: they trusted in THEE, and THOU didst deliver them;[12] and THOU art the same LORD over all, rich in mercy unto all those who call upon THEE.[13] Yes, THOU art *rich* in mercy,[14] and THOU *delightest* in mercy.[15] May we be rich in faith,[16] and delight ourselves in THEE.[17]

To that end, help us to remember all the way which THOU, THE LORD our GOD, hast led us.[18] It has been by the *right* way,[19] though it may not have been by a *straight* way. Oftentimes of old THOU leddest THY people *about;*[20] and *our* path has at one time been through a desert, a waste howling wilderness;[21] and at an other time through a land well watered everywhere, even as the garden of THE LORD.[22] Days of adversity[23] and days of prosperity[24] have been ours: for THOU settest the one over against the other,[25] but makest all things work together for good to those who love THEE.[26] And thus hast THOU dealt with *us*. THOU art THE LORD that teacheth us to profit, and that hath been leading us in the way that we should go.[27] Oh, that we had hearkened to THY commandments! then had our peace flowed on as a river, and our righteousness

been white as the foam on the waves of the sea.[28]

Alas! instead of its being so with us, all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;[29] and we have to put our hands on our mouths, and our mouths in the very dust of self-abasement, and cry;—'Unclean! Unclean!'[30] But, thanks be to THEE, there is a fountain opened for sin and for uncleanness;[31] and we may be washed and made whiter than snow.[32] The blood of JESUS CHRIST, THY SON, cleanseth us from all sin.[33] THY word tells us so; and it tells us that whoso confesseth and forsaketh his sins shall find mercy;[34] for that if we confess our sins, THOU art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.[35]

We do confess our sins, and we believe that THOU art faithful who promisedst;[36] and, being justified by faith, we have peace with THEE through our LORD JESUS CHRIST.[37]

May THY peace *rule* in our hearts.[38] [THY prophet has said that THOU wilt keep him in *perfect* peace, whose mind is stayed on THEE, because he trusteth in THEE.[39] We now, trusting in THEE, seek to nestle, as it were, in the covert of THY wings.[40] Grant us

peace and rest.[41] The day goeth away, and the shadows of the evening are stretched out;[42] give THY beloved sleep,[43] until the day break and the shadows flee away.[44]] Say to each of us, 'My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.'[45]

We ask for every blessing in the name of our REDEEMER JESUS CHRIST, who taught us, when we pray, to say;—

Our FATHER who art in Heaven, &c.

Passages quoted in the preceding Prayer:—

1 Ps. lxv, 2.
2 Mic. vii, 18.
3 Ps. xvii, 1.
4 Ps. cxli, 2.
5 Isa. xxvi, 8.
6 Ps. xlii, 8.
7 Ps. li, 3.
8 Ps. xxxix, 4.
9 Matt. vi, 13.
10 Prov. xxx, 8, 9.
11 Jer. ix, 24.
12 Ps. xxii, 4.
13 Rom. x, 12.
14 Eph. ii, 4.
15 Mic. vii, 18.
16 Jas. ii, 5.
17 Ps. xxxvii, 4.
18 Deut. viii, 2.
19 Gen. xxiv, 48.
20 Exod. xiii, 18.
21 Deut. xxxii, 10.
22 Gen. xiii, 10.
23 Ps. xciv, 13.
24 Job xxxvi, 11.
25 Eccles. vii, 14.
26 Rom. viii, 28
27 Isa. xlviii, 17.
28 Isa. xlviii, 18.
29 Isa. lxiv, 6.
30 Lev. xiii, 45.
31 Zech. xiii, 1.
32 Ps. li, 7.
33 1 John i, 7.
34 Prov. xxviii, 13.
35 1 John i, 9.
36 Heb. x, 23.
37 Rom. v, 1.
38 Col. iii, 15.
39 Isa. xxvi, 3.
40 Ps. lxi, 4.
41 Ruth i, 9.
42 Jer. vi, 4.
43 Ps. cxxvii, 2
44 Cant. ii, 17.
45 Exod. xxxiii, 14.

Sunday Morning's Prayer.

'Deliver us from evil.'

HOLY, holy, holy, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY![1] in whose sight the very Heavens are unclean,[2] and who chargest even THINE angels with folly,[3] deliver us from evil.[4] All the petitions that we ever offer up to THEE resolve themselves into that one request. But seeing that we know not of ourselves what is really evil, and what is really good,[5] we ask to be led by THY SPIRIT[6] into all truth,[7] and especially to be delivered from an evil heart of unbelief, departing from the living GOD.[8]

Oh, that the eyes of our understandings may be enlightened![9] so that we shall no more be alienated from THEE through the ignorance that is in us because of the blindness of our hearts;[10] but, seeing the greatness of the love wherewith THOU hast loved us,[11] we may feel our hearts lovingly drawn to THEE by the attracting power of THY love to us in CHRIST JESUS.[12]

HE said;—'I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men

unto ME.'[13] May HE be exalted this day. May the preachers of THY word preach, not themselves,[14] but their MASTER, CHRIST.[15] When we go to THY house, we would see JESUS.[16] May HE be *evidently* set forth before our eyes, as crucified for us;[17]—as tasting death for every man.[18] So that each of us may see, and believe with the heart,[19] not merely that 'CHRIST hath loved *us*, and hath given HIMSELF for *us*;[20] but that, 'HE loved *me*, and gave HIMSELF for *me*.'[21] So shall the glorious gospel of our salvation,[22] being received by us, not as the word of man, but, as it is in truth, the word of GOD,[23] come to each of us not in word only, but in power and in THE HOLY GHOST.[24]

May those who show unto us the way of salvation[25] be eloquent men and mighty in the Scriptures.[26] May they themselves be all taught of GOD,[27] and have the tongue of the learned, that they may know how to speak a word in season unto him that is weary.[28] Not handling the word of GOD deceitfully, but, by manifestation of the truth, commending themselves to every man's conscience;[29] speaking as to wise men; and may we honestly judge of what they say,[30] searching the Scriptures daily,[31] not to make a man

an offender for a word,[32] but to see whether these things are so;[33] assured that if we are desirous to do THY will, we shall know of any doctrine whether it is of THEE.[34]

May the sick, who cannot attend THY public worship, remember that THY worship is not confined to temples made with hands;[35] for THOU hast said that in *every* place incense shall be offered to THY name.[36] May they remember THEE on their beds,[37] and commune with their own hearts[38] of all the way that THOU hast led them;[39] and may their prayers rise before THEE as incense;[40] and do THOU shed abroad THY love in their hearts by THE HOLY GHOST given unto them,[41] preaching peace by JESUS CHRIST.[42]

THOU hast said that THY house shall be called 'The House of Prayer for all People.'[43] Hear THOU the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.[44] Make us all joyful in THY house of prayer.[45] May the sabbath be to us all a delight,[46] and THY word be the joy and rejoicing of our hearts.[47] May THY service be a foretaste of the rest that remaineth to the people of GOD,[48] where they rest from their labours,[49] yet rest not day or night

giving THEE thanks and praise.[50] We would enter into THY gates with thanksgiving now, and into THY courts with praise, be thankful unto THEE, and speak good of THY name.[51] Oh, bring us to THY banqueting house, and let THY banner over us be 'Love.'[52]

We ask all in the name of our SAVIOUR.

Our FATHER who art in Heaven, &c.

Passages quoted in the preceding Prayer :—

1 Rev. iv, 8.
2 Job xv, 15.
3 Job iv, 18.
4 Matt. vi, 13.
5 1 Cor. ii, 14.
6 Rom. viii, 14.
7 John xvi, 13.
8 Heb. iii, 12.
9 Eph. i, 18.
10 Eph. iv, 18.
11 Eph. ii, 4.
12 1 John iv, 19.
13 John xii, 32.
14 2 Cor. iv, 5.
15 Matt. xxiii, 8.
16 John xii, 21.
17 Gal. iii, 1.
18 Heb. ii, 9.
19 Acts viii, 37.
20 Eph. v, 2.
21 Gal. ii, 20.
22 Rom. i, 16.
23 1 Thess. ii, 13.
24 1 Thess. i, 5.
25 Acts xvi, 17.
26 Acts xviii, 24.
27 Isa. liv, 13.
28 Isa. L, 4.
29 2 Cor. iv, 2.
30 1 Cor. x, 15.
31 John v, 39.
32 Isa. xxix, 21.
33 Acts xvii, 11.
34 John vii, 17.
35 Acts xvii, 24.
36 Mal. i, 11.
37 Ps. lxiii, 6.
38 Ps. iv, 4.
39 Deut. viii, 2.
40 Ps. cxli, 2.
41 Rom. v, 5.
42 Acts x, 36.
43 Isa. lvi, 7.
44 Ps. lxxii, 12.
45 Isa. lvi, 7.
46 Isa. lviii, 13.
47 Jer. xv, 16.
48 Heb. iv, 9.
49 Rev. xiv, 13.
50 Rev. iv, 8.
51 Ps. c, 4.
52 Cant. ii, 4.

Sunday Evening's Prayer.

Deliver us from evil, for THINE are the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever.'

GRACIOUS and merciful FATHER,[1] we have asked many things of THEE this day and through the past week; but THOU art able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think,[2] delivering us from all evil,[3] and giving us all good,[4] for THOU art rich in mercy:[5]

We have often thought of THY loving kindness,[6] till we have so delighted ourselves in THEE[7] that the day has seemed to us as one of the days of Heaven upon earth.[8] But even then the half hath not been told us,[9] for eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which THOU hast prepared for those who love THEE.[10]

Oh, that we may be grateful to THEE for the exceeding riches of THY grace in THY kindness toward us through JESUS CHRIST;[11] and bless THEE,[12] and serve THEE with joyfulness, and with gladness

of heart, for the abundance of all things;[13] for the blessings of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.[14] Bless THE LORD, O our souls, and forget not all HIS benefits![15] O loving GOD, keep these for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of THY people to prepare their heart unto THEE.[16] Happy are the people that are in such a case; yea, happy are the people whose GOD is THE LORD.[17]

But even in the midst of our happiness, trials and afflictions await us.[18] And this dispensation of sorrow THOU designest for our profit, that we may be partakers of THY holiness.[19] If therefore, for a season, we must *needs* be in heaviness through manifold temptations;[20] help us to remember that though no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruits of righteousness unto those who are exercised thereby; 'Wherefore,' THOU dost say, 'lift up the hands which hang down!'[21]

We *would* lift up our hands, gracious GOD; and our hearts as well as our hands, to THEE in the Heavens.[22] For hast THOU not said, that if we prepare our hearts, and stretch forth our hands unto

THEE, we shall forget our misery, or remember it only as the floods of great waters that pass away,[23] and leave a rich blessing behind?[24]

Upon our hearts this day THY doctrine has dropped as the rain, and THY words have distilled as the dew.[25] Oh, grant that THY truth may ever be to us as the light of the morning when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; and as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.[26]

The day is now far spent;[27] and darkness covereth the earth.[28] We ask of THEE that we may lie down in peace, and sleep; for THOU, LORD, only makest us dwell in safety.[29] Soon we shall have to sleep the sleep of death.[30] If the time of our departure is at hand,[31] and this night our souls should be required of us,[32] and we should be awakened out of sleep[33] by the voice of the archangel,[34] saying;—'Arise ye! and depart; for this is not your rest;'[35] may we be able calmly and joyfully to say;—'We have waited for THY salvation, O LORD!'[36] and enter into the rest that shall never be broken;[37]—the rest that remaineth for the people of GOD,[38] the sabbath of Heaven. Hear us, O FATHER, for THY dear SON'S sake. Amen.

Now, unto THE KING ETERNAL, IMMORTAL, AND INVISIBLE, THE ONLY WISE GOD, be honour and glory for ever and ever.[39] For THINE, O LORD, are the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the Heaven and in the earth is THINE. THINE is the kingdom, O LORD, and THOU art exalted as head above all.[40]

Our FATHER who art in Heaven, &c.

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10 1 Cor. ii, 9.
11 Eph. ii, 7.
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13 Deut. xxviii, 47.
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16 1 Chr. xxix, 18.
17 Ps. cxliv, 15.
18 Acts xx, 23.
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20 1 Pet. i, 6.
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A Selection of the Devotional Portions Arranged for Daily Reading.

JAN. 1. APL. 2. JULY 2. OCT. 1.

Psalms i. iii. iv.

BLESSED is the man
That walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor standeth in the way of sinners,
Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
But his delight is in the law of THE LORD,
And in His law doth he meditate
Day and night.
And he shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water
That bringeth forth its fruit in its season;
Its leaf also shall not wither,
And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
The ungodly are not so:
But are like the chaff
Which the wind driveth away.
Therefore
The ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
For THE LORD knoweth the way of the righteous:
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me!
Many are they that rise up against me.
Many there are which say of my soul,
There is no help for him in GOD.
But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me;
My glory,
And the lifter up of my head.
I cried unto THE LORD with my voice,
And He heard me out of His holy hill.
I laid me down and slept;
I awaked;
For THE LORD sustained me.
Stand in awe,
And sin not;
Commune with your own heart upon your bed,
And be still.
Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in THE LORD.
There are many that say,
Who will shew us any good?
LORD, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us.
Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
More than in the time
That their corn and their wine increased.
I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep:
For Thou, LORD, only
Makest me dwell in safety.

JAN. 2. APL. 3. JULY 3. OCT. 2.

Psalms v. vi.

GIVE ear to my words, O LORD,
Consider my meditation.
Hearken unto the voice of my cry,
My KING, and my GOD :
For unto Thee will I pray.
My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning ;
O LORD,
In the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee,
And will look up.
For Thou art not
A God that hath pleasure in wickedness :
Neither shall evil dwell with Thee.
The foolish shall not stand in Thy sight :
Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.
Thou shalt destroy them that speak falsehood :
THE LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.
But as for me,
I will come into Thy house
In the multitude of Thy mercy :
And in Thy fear
Will I worship toward Thy holy temple.
Lead me, O LORD, in Thy righteousness,
Because of mine enemies ;

Make Thy way straight before my face.
Let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice :
Let them ever shout for joy,
Because thou defendest them :
Let them also that love Thy name be joyful in Thee.
For Thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous ;
With favour wilt Thou compass him as with a shield.
O LORD, rebuke me not in Thine anger,
Neither chasten me in Thy displeasure.
Have mercy upon me, O LORD ;
For I am weak :
O LORD, heal me ;
For my bones are vexed.
My soul is also sore vexed :
But Thou, O LORD, how long ?
Return, O LORD, deliver my soul :
Oh, save me for Thy mercies' sake.
For in death there is no remembrance of Thee :
In the grave who shall give Thee thanks ?
I am weary with my groaning ;
All the night make I my bed to swim ;
I water my couch with my tears.
Mine eye is consumed because of grief ;
It waxeth old because of all mine enemies.
Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity ;
For THE LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.
THE LORD hath heard my supplication ;
THE LORD will receive my prayer.

JAN. 3. APL. 4. JULY 4. OCT. 3.

Psalms lii. liii.

O LORD my GOD, in Thee do I put my trust :
Save me from all them that persecute me,
And deliver me :
O LORD my GOD, if I have done this;
If there is iniquity in my hands,
If I have rewarded evil
Unto him that was at peace with me ;
Yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth,
And lay mine honour in the dust.
Arise, O LORD, lift up Thyself,
Because of the rage of mine enemies :
And awake for me
To the judgment that Thou hast commanded.
So shall the congregation of the people
Compass Thee about :
For their sakes therefore return Thou on high.
THE LORD shall judge the people :
Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness,
And according to mine integrity that is in me.
Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end ;
But establish the just :
For the righteous GOD trieth the hearts and reins.
My defence is of GOD, who saveth the upright in heart.

GOD judgeth the righteous,
And GOD is angry with the wicked every day.
I will praise THE LORD according to His righteousness:
And will sing praise
To the name of THE LORD MOST HIGH.
O LORD our LORD,
How excellent is Thy name in all the earth!
Who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings
Hast Thou ordained strength
Because of Thine enemies,
That Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider Thy heavens,
The work of Thy fingers,
The moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained;
What is man, that Thou art mindful of him?
And any son of man, that Thou visitest him?
For Thou hast made him
A little lower than the angels,
And hast crowned him with glory and honour.
Thou madest him to have dominion
Over the works of Thy hands;
Thou hast put all things under his feet:
All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;
The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea,
And whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
O LORD our LORD,
How excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

JAN. 4. APL. 5. JULY 5. OCT. 4.

Psalms ix. x.

I WILL praise Thee, O LORD,
With my whole heart ;
I will shew forth all Thy marvellous works.
I will be glad and rejoice in Thee :
I will sing praise to Thy name,
O Thou most High.
For Thou hast maintained my right and my cause ;
Thou satest in the throne
Judging right.
THE LORD shall endure for ever :
He hath prepared His throne
For judgment.
And He shall judge the world in righteousness,
He shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.
THE LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed,
A refuge in times of trouble.
And they that know Thy name
Will put their trust in Thee :
For Thou, LORD, hast not forsaken
Them that seek Thee.
Sing praises to THE LORD,

Which dwelleth in Zion :
Declare among the people His doings.
When He maketh inquisition for blood,
He remembereth them :
He forgetteth not the cry of the humble.
Have mercy upon me, O LORD ;
Consider my trouble
Which I suffer of them that hate me,
Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death ;
That I may shew forth all Thy praise
In the gates of the daughter of Zion.
I will rejoice in Thy salvation ;
For the needy shall not alway be forgotten :
The expectation of the poor
Shall not perish for ever.
Arise, O LORD ; let not man prevail :
Why standest Thou afar off, O LORD ?
Why hidest Thou Thyself in times of trouble ?
Arise, O LORD ;
O GOD, lift up Thy hand :
Forget not the humble.
The poor committeth himself unto Thee ;
Thou art the helper of the fatherless.
LORD, Thou hast heard the desire of the humble :
Thou wilt prepare their heart,
Thou wilt cause Thine ear to hear :
To judge the fatherless and the oppressed,
That the man of the earth may no more oppress.

JAN. 5. APL. 6. JULY 6. OCT. 5.

Psalms xi. xii. xiii.

IN THE LORD put I my trust :
How say ye to my soul,
Flee as a bird to your mountain ?
For, lo, the wicked bend their bow,
They make ready their arrow upon the string,
That they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.
If the foundations be destroyed,
What can the righteous do ?
THE LORD is in His holy temple,
THE LORD'S throne is in Heaven :
His eyes behold, His eyelids try, the children of men.
THE LORD trieth the righteous :
But the wicked and him that loveth violence
His soul hateth.
For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness ;
His countenance doth behold the upright.
Help, LORD ; for the godly man ceaseth ;
For the faithful fail from among the children of men.
They speak vanity every one with his neighbour :
With flattering lips and with a double heart
Do they speak.
THE LORD shall cut off all flattering lips,

And the tongue that speaketh proud things :
Who have said,
With our tongue will we prevail;
Our lips are our own : who is lord over us?
For the oppression of the poor,
For the sighing of the needy,
Now will I arise, saith THE LORD;
I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.
The words of THE LORD are pure words :
As silver tried in a furnace of earth,
Purified seven times.
Thou shalt keep them, O LORD,
Thou shalt preserve them
From this generation for ever.
How long wilt Thou forget me, O LORD?
For ever?
How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?
How long shall I take counsel in my soul,
Having sorrow in my heart daily?
How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?
Consider and hear me, O LORD my GOD :
Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;
Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him;
And those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.
But I have trusted in Thy mercy;
My heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.
I will sing unto THE LORD,
Because He hath dealt bountifully with me.

JAN. 6. APL. 7. JULY 7. OCT. 6.

Psalms xiv. xv. xvi.

THE fool hath said in his heart,
There is no GOD.
They are corrupt, they have done abominable works,
There is none that doeth good.
THE LORD looked down from Heaven
Upon the children of men,
To see if there were any that did understand,
And seek GOD.
They are all gone aside,
They are all together become filthy :
There is none that doeth good, no, not one.
Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge ?
Who eat up My people as they eat bread,
And call not upon THE LORD.
There were they in great fear :
For GOD is in the generation of the righteous.
Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor,
Because THE LORD is his refuge.
Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion !
When THE LORD bringeth back
The captivity of His people,
Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.
LORD, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle ?

Who shall dwell in Thy holy hill?
He that walketh uprightly,
And worketh righteousness,
And speaketh the truth in his heart.
He that backbiteth not with his tongue,
Nor doeth evil to his neighbour,
Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.
In whose eyes a vile person is contemned;
But he honoureth them that fear THE LORD.
He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.
He that putteth not out his money to usury,
Nor taketh reward against the innocent.
He that doeth these things shall never be moved.
Preserve me, O GOD:
For in Thee do I put my trust.
O my soul,
Thou hast said unto THE LORD, Thou art my LORD:
My goodness extendeth not to Thee,
But to the saints that are in the earth,
And to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.
Their sorrows shall be multiplied
That hasten after another god:
Their drink offerings of blood will I not offer,
Nor take up their names into my lips.
THE LORD is the portion
Of mine inheritance and of my cup:
Thou maintainest my lot.
The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places;
Yea, I have a goodly heritage.

JAN. 7. APL. 8. JULY 8. OCT. 7.

Psalms xvi. xvii. xviii.

I WILL bless THE LORD, who hath given me counsel:
My reins also instruct me in the night seasons.
I have set THE LORD always before me:
Because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth:
My flesh also shall rest in hope.
For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell;
Neither wilt Thou suffer Thy Holy One
To see corruption.
Thou wilt shew me the path of life:
In Thy presence is fulness of joy;
At Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.
Hear the right, O LORD,
Attend unto my cry,
Give ear unto my prayer,
That goeth not out of feigned lips.
Let my sentence come forth from Thy presence;
Let Thine eyes behold the things that are equal.
Thou hast proved my heart;
Thou hast visited me in the night;
Thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing;
I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

Concerning the works of men,
By the word of Thy lips
I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.
Hold up my goings in Thy paths,
That my footsteps slip not.
I have called upon Thee, for Thou wilt hear me,
O God, incline Thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.
Shew Thy marvellous lovingkindness,
O Thou that savest by Thy right hand
Them which put their trust in Thee
From those that rise up against them.
I will behold Thy face in righteousness:
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness.
I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength.
The Lord is my rock, and my fortress,
And my deliverer;
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;
My buckler, and the horn of my salvation,
And my high tower.
I will call upon The Lord,
Who is worthy to be praised:
So shall I be saved from mine enemies.
The sorrows of death compassed me,
And the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.
The sorrows of hell compassed me about:
The snares of death prevented me.
In my distress I called upon The Lord,
And cried unto my God.

JAN. 8. APL. 9. JULY 9. OCT. 8.

Psalm xviii.

HE heard my voice out of His temple,
And my cry came before Him, even into His ears.
He sent from above,
He took me,
He drew me out of many waters.
He delivered me from my strong enemy,
And from them which hated me:
For they were too strong for me.
They prevented me in the day of my calamity:
But HE LORD was my stay.
He brought me forth also into a large place;
He delivered me, because He delighted in me.
THE LORD rewarded me
According to my righteousness;
According to the cleanness of my hands
Hath He recompensed me.
For I have kept the ways of THE LORD,
And have not wickedly departed from my GOD.
For all His judgments were before me,
And I did not put away His statutes from me.
I was also upright before Him,
And I kept myself from mine iniquity.

Therefore hath THE LORD recompensed me
According to my righteousness,
According to the cleanness of my hands in His eyesight.
With the merciful
Thou wilt shew Thyself merciful;
With an upright man Thou wilt shew Thyself upright;
With the pure Thou wilt shew Thyself pure;
And with the froward Thou wilt shew Thyself froward.
For Thou wilt save the afflicted people;
But wilt bring down high looks.
For Thou wilt light my candle:
THE LORD my GOD will enlighten my darkness.
For by Thee I have run through a troop;
And by my GOD have I leaped over a wall.
As for GOD, His way is perfect:
The word of THE LORD is tried:
He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him.
For who is GOD save THE LORD?
Or who is a rock save our GOD?
It is GOD that girdeth me with strength,
And maketh my way perfect.
He maketh my feet like hinds' feet,
And setteth me upon my high places.
He teacheth my hands to war,
So that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.
Thou hast also given me the shield of Thy salvation:
And Thy right hand hath holden me up,
And Thy gentleness hath made me great.

JAN. 9 APL. 10. JULY 10. OCT. 9.

Psalms xviii. xix.

THE LORD liveth;
And blessed be my rock;
And let the GOD of my salvation be exalted.
He delivereth me from mine enemies:
Yea, Thou liftest me up
Above those that rise up against me:
Therefore will I give thanks unto Thee, O LORD,
And sing praises unto Thy name.
The heavens declare the glory of GOD;
And the firmament showeth His handiwork.
Day unto day uttereth speech,
And night unto night showeth knowledge.
There is no speech nor language,
Where their voice is not heard.
Their line is gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.
In them hath He set a tabernacle for the sun,
Which is as a bridegroom
Coming out of his chamber,
And rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.
His going forth is from the end of the heaven,
And his circuit unto the ends of it;
And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of THE LORD is perfect,
Converting the soul:
The testimony of THE LORD is sure,
Making wise the simple.
The statutes of THE LORD are right,
Rejoicing the heart:
The commandment of THE LORD is pure,
Enlightening the eyes.
The fear of THE LORD is clean,
Enduring for ever:
The judgments of THE LORD are true
And righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
Yea, than much fine gold:
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
Moreover, by them is Thy servant warned:
And in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can understand his errors?
Cleanse Thou me from secret faults.
Keep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins;
Let them not have dominion over me:
Then shall I be upright,
And I shall be innocent from the great transgression.
Let the words of my mouth,
And the meditation of my heart,
Be acceptable in Thy sight, O LORD,
My strength, and my redeemer.

JAN. 10. APL. 11. JULY 11. OCT. 10.

Psalms xxii. xx. xxi.

MY GOD, my GOD, why hast Thou forsaken me?
Why art Thou so far from helping me,
And from the words of my roaring?
O my GOD,
I cry in the daytime, but Thou hearest not;
And in the night season, and am not silent.
But Thou art holy,
O Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.
Our fathers trusted in Thee:
They trusted, and Thou didst deliver them.
They cried unto Thee, and were delivered:
They trusted in Thee, and were not confounded.
Be not far from me; for trouble is near;
For there is none to help.
THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble;
The name of the GOD of Jacob defend thee;
Send thee help from the sanctuary,
And strengthen thee out of Zion;
Remember all thy offerings,
And accept thy burnt sacrifice;
Grant thee according to thine own heart,
And fulfil all thy counsel.
We will rejoice in thy salvation,
And in the name of our GOD

We will set up our banners :
THE LORD fulfil all thy petitions.
Now know I that THE LORD saveth His anointed ;
He will hear him from His holy heaven
With the saving strength of His right hand.
Some trust in chariots, and some in horses :
But we will remember the name of THE LORD our GOD.
They are brought down and fallen ;
But we are risen, and stand upright.
Save, LORD :
Let the King hear us when we call.
The king shall joy in Thy strength, O LORD ;
And in Thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice !
Thou hast given him his heart's desire,
And hast not withholden the request of his lips.
For thou settest before him the blessings of goodness:
Thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.
He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest it him,
Even length of days for ever and ever.
His glory is great in Thy salvation ;
Honour and majesty hast Thou laid upon him.
For Thou hast made him most blessed for ever :
Thou hast made him exceeding glad
With Thy countenance.
For the king trusteth in THE LORD,
And through the mercy of the MOST HIGH
He shall not be moved.
Be Thou exalted, LORD, in Thine own strength :
So will we sing and praise Thy power.

JAN. 11. APL. 12. JULY 12. OCT. 11.

Psalms xxii. xxiii. xxiv.

I WILL declare Thy name unto my brethren :
In the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee.
Ye that fear THE LORD, praise Him ;
All ye the seed of Jacob, glorify Him ;
And fear Him all ye the seed of Israel.
For He hath not despised nor abhorred
The affliction of the afflicted ;
Neither hath He hid His face from him ;
But when he cried unto Him, He heard.
My praise shall be of Thee
In the great congregation :
I will pay my vows before them that fear Him.
The meek shall eat and be satisfied :
They shall praise THE LORD that seek Him.
Your heart shall live for ever.
All the ends of the world shall remember
And turn unto THE LORD :
And all the kindreds of the nations
Shall worship before Thee.
For the kingdom is THE LORD'S :
And He is the governor among the nations.
And none can keep alive his own soul.

Breathed to God.

THE LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk
Through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
In the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil;
My cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy
Will follow me all the days of my life:
And I shall dwell in the house of THE LORD for ever.
The earth is the LORD's and the fulness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein.
For He hath founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the floods.
Who shall ascend into the hill of THE LORD?
Or who shall stand in His holy place?
He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,
Nor sworn deceitfully.
He shall receive the blessing from THE LORD,
And righteousness from the GOD of his salvation.

JAN. 12. APL. 13. JULY 13. OCT. 12.

Psalms xxiv. xxv.

LIFT up your heads,
O ye gates;
And be ye lift up,
Ye everlasting doors;
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
THE LORD strong and mighty,
THE LORD mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads,
O ye gates;
Even lift them up,
Ye everlasting doors;
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
THE LORD OF HOSTS, He is the King of glory.
Unto Thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.
O my GOD, I trust in Thee:
Let me not be ashamed,
Let not mine enemies triumph over me.
Yea, let none that wait on Thee be ashamed:
Let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Shew me Thy ways, O LORD;
Teach me Thy paths.
Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me:
For Thou art the God of my salvation;
On Thee do I wait all the day.
Remember, O LORD, Thy tender mercies
And Thy lovingkindnesses;
For they have been ever of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth,
Nor my transgressions:
According to Thy mercy remember Thou me
For Thy goodness' sake, O LORD.
Good and upright is THE LORD:
Therefore will He teach sinners in the way.
The meek will He guide in judgment:
And the meek will He teach His way.
All the paths of THE LORD are mercy and truth
Unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.
For Thy name's sake, O LORD,
Pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.
What man is he that feareth THE LORD?
Him shall He teach in the way that he shall choose.
His soul shall dwell at ease;
And his seed shall inherit the earth.
The secret of THE LORD is with them that fear Him;
And He will shew them His covenant.
Mine eyes are ever toward THE LORD;
For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

JAN. 13. APL. 14. JULY 14. OCT. 13.

Psalms xxvi. xxvii.

LORD, turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me;
For I am desolate and afflicted.
The troubles of my heart are enlarged:
O bring Thou me out of my distresses.
Look upon mine affliction and my pain;
And forgive all my sins.
Consider mine enemies; for they are many;
And they hate me with cruel hatred.
O keep my soul, and deliver me:
Let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in Thee.
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me;
For I wait on Thee.
Redeem Israel, O GOD, out of all his troubles.
Judge me, O LORD;
For I have walked in mine integrity:
I have trusted also in THE LORD;
Therefore I shall not slide.
Examine me, O LORD, and prove me;
Try my reins and my heart.
For Thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes:
And I have walked in Thy truth.
I have not sat with vain persons,

Neither will I go in with dissemblers.
I have hated the congregation of evil doers;
And will not sit with the wicked.
I will wash my hands in innocency:
So will I compass Thine altar, O LORD,
That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving,
And tell of all Thy wondrous works.
LORD, I have loved the habitation of Thy house,
And the place where Thine honour dwelleth.
Gather not my soul with sinners,
Nor my life with bloody men:
In whose hands is mischief,
And whose right hand is full of bribes.
But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity:
Redeem me, and be merciful unto me.
My foot standeth in an even place:
In the congregations will I bless THE LORD.
THE LORD is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
THE LORD is the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?
When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes,
Came upon me to eat up my flesh,
They stumbled and fell.
Though a host should encamp against me,
My heart shall not fear:
Though war should rise against me,
In this will I be confident.

JAN. 14. APL. 15. JULY 15. OCT. 14.

Psalms xvii. xviii.

ONE thing have I desired of THE LORD,
That will I seek after;
That I may dwell in the house of THE LORD
All the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of THE LORD,
And to inquire in His temple.
For in the time of trouble
He shall hide me in His pavilion:
In the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me;
He shall set me up upon a rock.
And now shall my head be lifted up
Above mine enemies round about me:
Therefore will I offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto THE LORD.
Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice:
Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
When Thou saidst, Seek ye My face;
My heart said unto Thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.
Hide not Thy face from me;
Put not Thy servant away in anger:
Thou hast been my help; leave me not,
Neither forsake me, O GOD of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me,
Then THE LORD will take me up.
Teach me Thy way, O LORD,
And lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.
Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies :
For false witnesses are risen up against me,
And such as breathe out cruelty.
I had fainted, unless I had believed to see
The goodness of THE LORD in the land of the living.
Wait on THE LORD : be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen thy heart :
Wait, I say, on THE LORD.
Unto Thee will I cry, O LORD my rock ;
Be not silent to me : lest, if Thou be silent to me,
I become like them that go down into the pit.
Hear the voice of my supplications,
When I cry unto Thee,
When I lift up my hands toward Thy holy oracle.
Draw me not away with the wicked,
And with the workers of iniquity,
Which speak peace to their neighbours,
But mischief is in their hearts.
Blessed be THE LORD,
Because HE hath heard the voice of my supplications.
THE LORD is my strength and my shield ;
My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped :
Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth ;
And with my song will I praise Him.

JAN. 15. APL. 16. JULY 16. OCT. 15.

Psalms xxix. xxx.

ASCRIBE unto THE LORD, O ye mighty,
Ascribe unto THE LORD glory and strength.
Give unto THE LORD
The glory due unto His name;
Worship THE LORD
In the beauty of holiness.
In His temple doth every one speak of His glory.
Yea, THE LORD sitteth King for ever.
THE LORD will give strength unto His people;
THE LORD will bless His people with peace.
I will extol Thee, O LORD;
For Thou hast lifted me up,
And hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.
O LORD my GOD, I cried unto Thee,
And Thou hast healed me.
O LORD,
Thou hast brought up my soul from the grave,
Thou hast kept me alive,
That I should not go down to the pit.

Sing unto THE LORD, O ye saints of His,
And give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.
For His anger endureth but a moment;
In His favour is life:
Weeping may endure for a night,
But joy cometh in the morning.
And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.
LORD, by Thy favour
Thou hast made my mountain to stand strong.
Thou didst hide Thy face, and I was troubled.
I cried to Thee, O LORD;
And unto THE LORD I made supplication.
What profit is there in my blood,
When I go down to the pit?
Shall the dust praise Thee?
Shall it declare Thy truth?
Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me:
LORD, be Thou my helper.
Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing:
Thou hast put off my sackcloth,
And girded me with gladness;
To the end that my glory may sing praise to Thee,
And not be silent.
O LORD my GOD,
I will give thanks unto Thee for ever.

JAN. 16. APL. 17. JULY 17. OCT. 16.

Psalm xxvi.

IN Thee, O LORD, do I put my trust;
Let me never be ashamed:
Deliver me in Thy righteousness.
Bow down Thine ear to me; deliver me speedily:
Be Thou my strong rock,
For a house of defence to save me.
For Thou art my rock and my fortress;
Therefore for Thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.
Pull me out of the net
That they have laid privily for me:
For Thou art my strength.
Into Thy hand I commit my spirit:
Thou hast redeemed me, O LORD GOD of truth.
I will be glad and rejoice in Thy mercy:
For Thou hast considered my trouble;
Thou hast known my soul in adversities;
And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy;
Thou hast set my feet in a large room.
Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble:
For my life is spent with grief,
And my years with sighing:
My strength faileth because of mine iniquity,

And my bones are consumed.
I was a reproach among all mine enemies,
But especially among my neighbours,
And a fear to mine acquaintance :
They that did see me without fled from me.
I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind :
I am like a broken vessel.
For I have heard the slander of many :
Fear was on every side :
While they took counsel together against me,
They devised to take away my life.
But I trusted in Thee, O LORD :
I said, Thou art my GOD.
My times are in Thy hand :
Deliver me from the hand of mine enemies,
And from them that persecute me.
Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant :
Save me for Thy mercies' sake.
Let me not be ashamed, O LORD ;
For I have called upon Thee :
Oh how great is Thy goodness,
Which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee ;
Which Thou hast wrought for them
That trust in Thee before the sons of men !
Thou shalt hide them in the secret of Thy presence
From the pride of man :
Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion
From the strife of tongues.

JAN. 17. APL. 18. JULY 18. OCT. 17.

Psalms xxxi. xxxii. xxxiii.

BLESSED be THE LORD :
For He hath shewed me His marvellous kindness
In a strong city.
For I said in my haste,
I am cut off from before Thine eyes :
Nevertheless
Thou heardest the voice of my supplications
When I cried unto Thee.
O love THE LORD, all ye His saints :
For THE LORD preserveth the faithful,
And plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart,
All ye that hope in THE LORD.
Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man
Unto whom THE LORD imputeth not iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no guile.
I acknowledged my sin unto Thee,
And mine iniquity have I not hid.

I said,
I will confess my transgressions unto THE LORD;
And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.
For this shall every one that is godly pray unto Thee
In a time when Thou mayest be found:
Surely in the floods of great waters
They shall not come nigh unto him.
Thou art my hiding place;
Thou shalt preserve me from trouble;
Thou shalt compass me about
With songs of deliverance.
I will instruct thee
And teach thee in the way which thou shalt go:
I will guide thee with Mine eye.
Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule,
Which have no understanding:
Whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle,
Lest they come near unto thee.
Many sorrows shall be to the wicked:
But he that trusteth in THE LORD,
Mercy shall compass him about.
Be glad in THE LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous:
And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.
Praise THE LORD with harp:
Sing unto Him a new song:
For the word of THE LORD is right;
And all His works are done in truth.

JAN. 18. APL. 19. JULY 19. OCT. 18.

Psalms xxxiii. xxxiv.

THE earth is full of the goodness of THE LORD.
By the word of THE LORD
Were the heavens made;
And all the host of them
By the breath of His mouth.
He gathereth the waters of the sea together
As a heap:
He layeth up the depth in storehouses.
Let all the earth fear THE LORD:
Let all the inhabitants of the world
Stand in awe of Him.
For He spake,
And it was done;
He commanded,
And it stood fast.
THE LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen
To nought:
He maketh the devices of the people
Of none effect.
The counsel of THE LORD standeth for ever,
The thoughts of His heart to all generations.
Blessed is the nation whose GOD is THE LORD;
And the people whom He hath chosen

For His own inheritance.
THE LORD looketh from heaven;
He beholdeth all the sons of men.
From the place of His habitation
He looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.
He fashioneth their hearts alike;
He considereth all their works.
There is no king saved by the multitude of a host:
A mighty man is not delivered by much strength.
A horse is a vain thing for safety:
Neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.
Behold,
The eye of THE LORD is upon them that fear Him,
Upon them that hope in His mercy;
To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.
Our soul waiteth for THE LORD:
He is our help and our shield.
For our heart shall rejoice in Him,
Because we have trusted in His holy name.
Let Thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us,
According as we hope in Thee.
I will bless the LORD at all times:
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul shall make her boast in THE LORD:
The humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
O magnify THE LORD with me,
And let us exalt His name together.

JAN. 19. APL. 20. JULY 20. OCT. 19.

Psalms xxxiv. xxxv.

I SOUGHT THE LORD,
And He heard me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
They looked unto Him, and were lightened :
And their faces were not ashamed.
This poor man cried,
And THE LORD heard him,
And saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of THE LORD
Encampeth round about them that fear Him,
And delivereth them.
O taste and see that THE LORD is good :
Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.
O fear THE LORD, ye His saints :
For there is no want to them that fear Him.
The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger :
But they that seek THE LORD shall not want any good.
Come, ye children, hearken unto me :
I will teach you the fear of THE LORD.
What man is he that desireth life,
And loveth many days, that he may see good ?
Keep thy tongue from evil,

And thy lips from speaking guile.
Depart from evil, and do good;
Seek peace, and pursue it.
The eyes of THE LORD are upon the righteous,
And His ears are open unto their cry.
The face of THE LORD is against them that do evil,
To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
The righteous cry,
And THE LORD heareth, and delivereth them
Out of all their troubles.
THE LORD is nigh
Unto them that are of a broken heart;
And saveth such as are of a contrite spirit.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous:
But THE LORD delivereth him out of them all.
Evil shall slay the wicked:
And they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
THE LORD redeemeth the soul of His servants:
And none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.
Plead my cause, O LORD,
With them that strive with me:
Fight against them that fight against me.
Take hold of shield and buckler,
And stand up for my help.
Draw out also the spear,
And stop the way against them that persecute me:
Say unto my soul,
I am thy salvation.

JAN. 20. APL. 21. JULY 21. OCT. 20.

Psalm xxvb.

MY soul shall be joyful in THE LORD :
It shall rejoice in His salvation.
All my bones shall say,
LORD, who is like unto Thee,
Who deliverest the poor
From him that is too strong for him,
Yea, the poor and the needy
From him that spoileth him ?
False witnesses did rise up ;
They laid to my charge things that I knew not.
They rewarded me evil for good
To the spoiling of my soul.
But as for me,
When they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth :
I humbled my soul with fasting ;
And my prayer returned into mine own bosom.
I behaved myself
As if he had been my friend or brother :
I bowed down heavily,
As one that mourneth for his mother.
LORD, how long wilt Thou look on ?
Rescue my soul from their destructions.
I will give Thee thanks in the great congregation :

I will praise Thee among much people.
Let not them that are mine enemies
Wrongfully rejoice over me :
Neither let them wink with the eye
That hate me without a cause.
For they speak not peace :
But they devise deceitful matters
Against them that are quiet in the land.
Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me,
And said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.
This Thou hast seen, O LORD :
Keep not silence ;
O LORD, be not far from me.
Stir up Thyself, and awake to my judgment,
Even unto my cause, my GOD and my LORD.
Judge me, O LORD my GOD,
According to Thy righteousness ;
And let them not rejoice over me.
Let them not say in their hearts,
Ah, so would we have it :
Let them not say,
We have swallowed him up.
Let them shout for joy and be glad,
That favour my righteous cause :
Yea, let them say continually,
Let THE LORD be magnified,
Who hath pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.
And my tongue shall speak of Thy righteousness
And of Thy praise all the day long.

JAN, 21. APL. 22. JULY 22. OCT. 21.

Psalms xxxvi. xxxviii.

THY mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens ;
And Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.
Thy righteousness is like the great mountains ;
Thy judgments are a great deep :
O LORD, Thou preservest man and beast.
How excellent is Thy lovingkindness, O GOD !
Therefore
The children of men put their trust
Under the shadow of Thy wings.
They shall be abundantly satisfied
With the fatness of Thy house ;
And Thou shalt make them drink
Of the river of Thy pleasures.
For with Thee is the fountain of life :
In Thy light shall we see light.
O continue Thy lovingkindness
Unto them that know Thee ;
And Thy righteousness
To the upright in heart.
Let not the foot of pride come against me,
And let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

O LORD, rebuke me not in Thy wrath :
Neither chasten me in Thy hot displeasure.
For Thine arrows stick fast in me,
And Thy hand presseth me sore.
For mine iniquities are gone over my head :
As a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
I am troubled ;
I am bowed down greatly ;
I go mourning all the day long.
I am feeble and sore broken.
LORD, all my desire is before Thee ;
And my groaning is not hid from Thee.
My heart panteth, my strength faileth me :
As for the light of mine eyes,
It also is gone from me.
My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore ;
And my kinsmen stand afar off.
They also that seek after my life
Lay snares for me :
And they that seek my hurt
Speak mischievous things,
And imagine deceits all the day long.
But I was as a man that heareth not,
And in whose mouth are no reproofs.
For in Thee, O LORD, do I hope :
Thou wilt hear, O LORD my GOD.
For I will declare mine iniquity ;
I will be sorry for my sin.

JAN. 22. APL. 23. JULY 23. OCT. 22.

Psalm xxxvii.

FRET not thyself because of evildoers,
Neither be thou envious
Against the workers of iniquity.
For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,
And wither as the green herb.
Trust in THE LORD,
And do good;
So shalt thou dwell in the land,
And verily thou shalt be fed.
Delight thyself also in THE LORD;
And He shall give thee the desires of thy heart.
Commit thy way unto THE LORD;
Trust also in Him;
And He shall bring it to pass.
And He shall bring forth thy righteousness
As the light,
And thy judgment as the noonday.
Rest in THE LORD,
And wait patiently for Him:
Fret not thyself
Because of him who prospereth in his way,
Because of the man
Who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Cease from anger,
And forsake wrath:
Fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.
For evildoers shall be cut off:
But those that wait upon THE LORD,
They shall inherit the earth.
For yet a little while,
And the wicked shall not be:
Yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place,
And it shall not be.
But the meek shall inherit the earth;
And shall delight themselves
In the abundance of peace.
A little that a righteous man hath
Is better than the riches of many wicked.
For the arms of the wicked shall be broken:
But THE LORD upholdeth the righteous.
THE LORD knoweth the days of the upright:
And their inheritance shall be for ever.
They shall not be ashamed
In the evil time:
And in the days of famine
They shall be satisfied.
The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again:
But the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.
For such as are blessed of Him
Shall inherit the earth;
And they that are cursed of Him
Shall be cut off.

JAN. 23. APL. 24. JULY 24. OCT. 23.

Psalm xxxvii.

THE steps of a good man
Are ordered by THE LORD:
And he delighteth in His way.
Though he fall,
He shall not be utterly cast down:
For THE LORD upholdeth him with His hand.
I have been young, and now am old;
Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken,
Nor his seed begging bread.
He is ever merciful,
And lendeth;
And his seed is blessed.
Depart from evil, and do good;
And dwell for evermore.
For THE LORD loveth judgment,
And forsaketh not His saints;
They are preserved for ever:
But the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.
The righteous shall inherit the land,
And dwell therein for ever.
The mouth of the righteous
Speaketh wisdom,

And his tongue
Talketh of judgment.
The law of his GOD is in his heart;
None of his steps shall slide.
The wicked watcheth the righteous,
And seeketh to slay him.
THE LORD will not leave him in his hand,
Nor condemn him when he is judged.
Wait on THE LORD, and keep His way,
And He shall exalt thee to inherit the land:
When the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.
I have seen the wicked in great power,
And spreading himself like a green bay tree.
Yet he passed away,
And, lo, he was not:
Yea, I sought him,
But he could not be found.
Mark the perfect man,
And behold the upright:
For the end of that man is peace.
The salvation of the righteous
Is of THE LORD:
He is their strength in the time of trouble.
And THE LORD shall help them,
And deliver them:
He shall deliver them from the wicked,
And save them,
Because they trust in Him.

JAN. 24. APL. 25. JULY 25. OCT. 24.

Psalm xxxix.

I SAID,
I will take heed to my ways,
That I sin not with my tongue:
I will keep my mouth with a bridle,
While the wicked is before me.
I was dumb
With silence,
I held my peace,
Even from good;
And my sorrow was stirred.
My heart was hot within me,
While I was musing
The fire burned:
Then spake I with my tongue,
LORD, make me to know mine end,
And the measure of my days,
What it is;
That I may know how frail I am.
Behold,
Thou hast made my days as a handbreadth;
And mine age is as nothing
Before Thee:

Verily
Every man at his best state is altogether vanity.
Surely every man walketh in a vain show:
Surely they are disquieted in vain:
He heapeth up riches,
And knoweth not who shall gather them.
And now, LORD, what wait I for?
My hope is in Thee.
Deliver me
From all my transgressions:
Make me not the reproach of the foolish.
I was dumb,
I opened not my mouth;
Because Thou didst it.
Remove Thy stroke away from me:
I am consumed by the blow of Thy hand.
When Thou with rebukes
Dost correct man for iniquity,
Thou makest his beauty to consume away
Like a moth:
Surely every man is vanity.
Hear my prayer, O LORD,
And give ear unto my cry;
Hold not Thy peace at my tears:
For I am a stranger with Thee,
And a sojourner, as all my fathers were.
O spare me, that I may recover strength,
Before I go hence, and be no more.

JAN. 25. APL. 26. JULY 26. OCT. 25.

Psalm xl.

I WAITED patiently for THE LORD;
And He inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
He brought me up also out of a horrible pit,
Out of the miry clay,
And set my feet upon a rock,
And established my goings.
And He hath put a new song into my mouth,
Even praise unto our GOD:
Many shall see it and fear,
And shall trust in THE LORD.
Blessed is that man
That maketh THE LORD his trust,
And respecteth not the proud,
Nor such as turn aside to lies.
Many, O LORD my GOD,
Are Thy wonderful works which Thou hast done,
And Thy thoughts which are to us-ward:
They cannot be reckoned up in order unto Thee:
If I would declare and speak of them,
They are more than can be numbered.
Sacrifice and offering Thou didst not desire.
Then said I, Lo, I come:
In the volume of the book it is written of me.
I delight to do Thy will, O my GOD:

Yea, Thy law is within my heart.
I have preached righteousness
In the great congregation :
Lo, I have not refrained my lips,
O LORD, Thou knowest.
I have not hid Thy righteousness within my heart ;
I have declared Thy faithfulness and Thy salvation :
I have not concealed
Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth
From the great congregation.
Withhold not Thou Thy tender mercies from me,
O LORD.
Let Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth
Continually preserve me.
For innumerable evils have compassed me about :
Mine iniquities have taken hold upon me,
So that I am not able to look up ;
They are more than the hairs of my head :
Therefore my heart faileth me.
Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me :
O LORD, make haste to help me.
Let all those that seek Thee
Rejoice and be glad in Thee :
Let such as love Thy salvation say continually,
THE LORD be magnified.
But I am poor and needy ;
Yet THE LORD thinketh upon me :
Thou art my help and my deliverer ;
Make no tarrying, O my GOD.

JAN. 26. APL. 27. JULY 27. OCT. 26.

Psalms xliii. xli.

JUDGE me, O GOD,
And plead my cause against an ungodly nation :
O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.
For Thou art the GOD of my strength ;
Why dost Thou cast me off?
Why go I mourning
Because of the oppression of the enemy?
O send out Thy light and Thy truth :
Let them lead me ;
Let them bring me unto Thy holy hill,
And to Thy tabernacles.
Then will I go unto the altar of GOD,
Unto GOD my exceeding joy :
Yea, upon the harp will I praise Thee,
O GOD my GOD.
Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope in God : for I shall yet praise Him,
Who is the health of my countenance, and my GOD.
Blessed is he that considereth the poor:
THE LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.
THE LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive ;
And he shall be blessed upon the earth :

And Thou wilt not deliver him
Unto the will of his enemies.
THE LORD will strengthen him
Upon the bed of languishing:
Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.
I said, LORD, be merciful unto me:
Heal my soul; for I have sinned against Thee.
Mine enemies speak evil of me,
When shall he die, and his name perish?
And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity:
His heart gathereth iniquity to itself;
When he goeth abroad, he telleth it.
All that hate me whisper together against me:
Against me do they devise my hurt.
An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him:
And now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.
Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted,
Which did eat of my bread,
Hath lifted up his heel against me.
But Thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me;
And raise me up, that I may requite them.
By this I know that Thou favourest me,
Because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.
And as for me,
Thou upholdest me in mine integrity,
And settest me before Thy face for ever.
Blessed be THE LORD GOD of Israel
From everlasting, and to everlasting.
Amen, and Amen.

JAN. 27. APL. 28. JULY 28. OCT. 27.

Psalms xlii. xliii.

As the hart panteth after the water brooks,
So panteth my soul after Thee, O GOD.
My soul thirsteth for GOD, for the living GOD :
When shall I come and appear before GOD ?
My tears have been my meat day and night,
While they continually say unto me,
Where is thy GOD ?
When I remember these things,
I pour out my soul in me :
For I had gone with the multitude,
I went with them to the house of GOD,
With the voice of joy and praise,
With a multitude that kept holyday.
Why art thou cast down, O my soul ?
And why art thou disquieted in me ?
Hope thou in GOD : for I shall yet praise Him
For the help of His countenance.
O my GOD, my soul is cast down within me :
Deep calleth unto deep
At the noise of Thy waterspouts ;
All Thy waves and Thy billows are gone over me.
Yet THE LORD

Will command His lovingkindness in the daytime,
And in the night His song shall be with me,
And my prayer unto the GOD of my life.
I will say unto GOD my rock,
Why hast Thou forgotten me?
Why go I mourning
Because of the oppression of the enemy?
As with a sword in my bones,
Mine enemies reproach me;
While they say daily unto me,
Where is thy GOD?
Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in GOD: for I shall yet praise Him,
Who is the health of my countenance, and my GOD.
We have heard with our ears, O GOD,
Our fathers have told us,
What work Thou didst in their days,
In the times of old.
How Thou didst drive out the heathen with Thy hand.
And plantedst them;
How Thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.
For they got not the land in possession
By their own sword,
Neither did their own arm save them:
But Thy right hand, and Thine arm,
And the light of Thy countenance,
Because Thou hadst a favour unto them.

JAN. 28. APL. 29. JULY 29. OCT. 28.

Psalm xliv.

THOU art my King, O GOD:
Command deliverances for Jacob.
Through Thee will we push down our enemies:
Through Thy name
Will we tread them under that rise up against us.
For I will not trust in my bow,
Neither shall my sword save me.
But Thou hast saved us from our enemies,
And hast put them to shame that hated us.
In GOD we boast all the day long,
And praise Thy name for ever.
But Thou hast cast off,
And put us to shame;
And goest not forth with our armies.
Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy:
And they which hate us spoil for themselves.
Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat;
And hast scattered us among the heathen.
Thou sellest Thy people for nought,
And dost not increase Thy wealth by their price.
Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours,
A scorn and a derision

To them that are round about us.
Thou makest us a byword among the heathen,
A shaking of the head among the people.
My confusion is continually before me,
And the shame of my face hath covered me,
For the voice of him
That reproacheth and blasphemeth;
By reason of the enemy and avenger.
All this is come upon us;
Yet have we not forgotten Thee,
Neither have we dealt falsely in Thy covenant.
Our heart is not turned back,
Neither have our steps declined from Thy way;
Though Thou hast sore broken us
And covered us with the shadow of death.
If we have forgotten the name of our God,
Or stretched out our hands to a strange god;
Shall not God search this out?
For He knoweth the secrets of the heart.
Yea, for Thy sake are we killed all the day long;
We are counted as sheep for the slaughter.
Awake, why sleepest Thou, O Lord?
Arise, cast us not off for ever.
Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face,
And forgettest our affliction and our oppression?
For our soul is bowed down to the dust:
Arise for our help,
And redeem us for Thy mercies' sake.

JAN. 29. APL. 30. JULY 30. OCT. 29.

Psalms xlvi. xlvii. xlviii.

GOD is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
Therefore will not we fear,
Though the earth be removed,
And though the mountains be carried
Into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.
There is a river,
The streams whereof shall make glad the city of GOD.
The holy place of the tabernacles of the MOST HIGH.
GOD is in the midst of her;
She shall not be moved:
GOD shall help her, and that right early.
The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved:
He uttered His voice, the earth melted.
THE LORD of hosts is with us;
The GOD of Jacob is our refuge.
Come, behold the works of THE LORD,
What desolations He hath made in the earth.
He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth;
He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder;
He burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am GOD :
I will be exalted among the heathen,
I will be exalted in the earth.
THE LORD of hosts is with us ;
The GOD of Jacob is our refuge.
O clap your hands, all ye people ;
Shout unto GOD with the voice of triumph.
For THE LORD most high is terrible ;
He is a great King over all the earth.
He shall choose our inheritance for us.
Sing praises to GOD, sing praises :
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
For GOD is the King of all the earth :
Sing ye praises with understanding.
GOD reigneth over the heathen :
GOD sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.
The princes of the people are gathered together,
Even the people of the GOD of Abraham :
For the shields of the earth belong unto GOD :
He is greatly exalted.
Great is THE LORD,
And greatly to be praised in the city of our GOD,
In the mountain of His holiness.
Beautiful for situation,
The joy of the whole earth,
Is mount Zion,
On the sides of the north, the city of the great King.
GOD is known in her palaces for a refuge.

JAN. 30. MAY 1. JULY 31. OCT. 30.

Psalms xlviii. xlix.

WE have thought of Thy lovingkindness,
O GOD,
In the midst of Thy temple.
According to Thy name, O GOD,
So is Thy praise
Unto the ends of the earth :
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.
This GOD is our GOD
For ever and ever :
He will be our guide even unto death.
Hear this, all ye people ;
Give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world :
Both low and high,
Rich and poor, together.
My mouth shall speak of wisdom ;
And the meditation of my heart
Shall be of understanding.
I will incline mine ear to a parable :
I will open my dark saying upon the harp.
Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil,
When the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about ?
They that trust in their wealth,
And boast themselves in the multitude of their riches ;

None of them
Can by any means redeem his brother,
Nor give to GOD a ransom for him :
(For the redemption of their soul is precious,
And it ceaseth for ever :)
That he should still live for ever,
And not see corruption.
For he seeth that wise men die,
Likewise the fool and the brutish person perish,
And leave their wealth to others.
Their inward thought is,
That their houses shall continue for ever,
And their dwelling places to all generations ;
They call their lands after their own names.
Nevertheless,
Man being in honour abideth not :
He is like the beasts that perish.
This their way is their folly :
Yet their posterity approve their sayings.
Like sheep they are laid in the grave ;
Death shall feed on them ;
And the upright shall have dominion over them
In the morning ;
And their beauty shall consume in the grave
From their dwelling.
But GOD will redeem my soul
From the power of the grave :
For He shall receive me.

JAN. 31. MAY 2. AUG. 1. OCT. 31.

Psalms xlix. l. li.

BE not thou afraid when one is made rich,
When the glory of his house is increased ;
For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away :
His glory shall not descend after him.
Though while he lived he blessed his soul :
And men will praise thee,
When thou doest well to thyself.
He shall go the generation of his fathers ;
They shall never see light.
Man that is in honour, and understandeth not,
Is like the beasts that perish.
The mighty GOD, even THE LORD,
Hath spoken, and called the earth
From the rising of the sun
Unto the going down thereof.
He shall call to the heavens from above,
And to the earth, that He may judge His people.
Gather My saints together unto Me ;
Those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.
And the heavens shall declare His righteousness ;
For GOD is judge Himself.
Hear, O My people, and I will speak ;
O Israel, and I will testify against thee :

I am GOD, even thy GOD.
I will not reprove thee
For thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings,
To have been continually before Me.
I will take no bullock out of thy house,
Nor he goats out of thy folds.
For every beast of the forest is Mine,
And the thousands of cattle upon hills.
I know all the fowls of the mountains:
And the wild beasts of the field are Mine.
For the world is Mine, and the fulness thereof.
Offer unto GOD thanksgiving;
And pay thy vows unto the MOST HIGH:
And call upon Me in the day of trouble:
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.
Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me:
And to him that ordereth his conversation aright
Will I shew the salvation of GOD.
Have mercy upon me, O GOD,
According to Thy lovingkindness:
According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies
Blot out my transgressions.
Wash me throughly from mine iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my transgressions:
And my sin is ever before me.
Hide Thy face from my sins,
And blot out all mine iniquities.

FEB. 1. MAY 3. AUG. 2. NOV. 1.

Psalms li. lib. lb.

CREATE in me a clean heart, O GOD;
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
And take not Thy HOLY SPIRIT from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
And uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways;
And sinners shall be converted unto Thee.
Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O GOD,
Thou GOD of my salvation:
And my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness.
O LORD, open Thou my lips;
And my mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.
For Thou desirest not sacrifice;
Else would I give it:
Thou delightest not in burnt offering.
The sacrifices of GOD are a broken spirit:
A broken and a contrite heart,
O GOD, Thou wilt not despise.
Save me, O GOD, by Thy name,
And judge me by Thy strength.
Hear my prayer, O GOD;

Give ear to the words of my mouth.
For strangers are risen up against me,
And oppressors seek after my soul:
They have not set GOD before them.
Behold,
GOD is my helper:
THE LORD is with them that uphold my soul.
I will freely sacrifice unto Thee:
I will praise Thy name, O LORD; for it is good.
For He hath delivered me out of all trouble.
Give ear to my prayer, O GOD;
And hide not Thyself from my supplication.
Attend unto me, and hear me:
I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;
Because of the voice of the enemy,
Because of the oppression of the wicked:
For they cast iniquity upon me,
And in wrath they hate me.
My heart is sore pained within me:
And the terrors of death are fallen upon me.
Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me,
And horror hath overwhelmed me.
And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove!
For then would I fly away, and be at rest.
Lo, then would I wander far off,
And remain in the wilderness.
I would hasten my escape
From the windy storm and tempest.

FEB. 2. MAY 4. AUG. 3. NOV. 2.

Psalms lv. lvi.

IT was not an enemy that reproached me ;
Then I could have borne it :
Neither was it he that hated me
That did magnify himself against me ;
Then I would have hid myself from him :
But it was thou,
A man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.
We took sweet counsel together,
And walked unto the house of GOD in company.
As for me,
I will call upon GOD ; and THE LORD shall save me.
Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray,
And cry aloud ; and He shall hear my voice.
He hath delivered my soul in peace
From the battle that was against me :
For there were many with me.
GOD shall hear, and afflict them,
Even He that abideth of old.
Because they have no changes,
Therefore they fear not GOD.
He hath put forth his hands
Against such as are at peace with him :
He hath broken his covenant.

The words of his mouth were smoother than butter,
But war was in his heart:
His words were softer than oil,
Yet were they drawn swords.
Cast thy burden upon THE LORD,
And He shall sustain thee:
He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.
Be merciful unto me, O GOD:
For man would swallow me up;
He fighting daily oppresseth me.
Mine enemies would daily swallow me up:
For they are many that fight against me,
O Thou MOST HIGH.
What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee.
In GOD I have put my trust;
I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.
Every day they wrest my words:
All their thoughts are against me for evil.
They gather themselves together,
They hide themselves,
They mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.
Shall they escape by iniquity?
Thou tellest my wanderings:
Put Thou my tears into Thy bottle:
Are they not in Thy book?
When I cry unto Thee,
Then shall mine enemies turn back:
This I know; for GOD is for me.

FEB. 3. MAY 5. AUG. 4. NOV. 3.

Psalms lvi. lvii. lviii.

THY vows are upon me, O GOD:
I will render praises unto Thee.
For Thou hast delivered my soul from death:
Wilt not Thou deliver my feet from falling,
That I may walk before GOD
In the light of the living?
Be merciful unto me, O GOD,
Be merciful unto me:
For my soul trusteth in Thee:
Yea, in the shadow of Thy wings
Will I make my refuge,
Until these calamities be overpast.
I will cry unto GOD MOST HIGH;
Unto GOD that performeth all things for me.
He shall send from Heaven, and save me
From the reproach of him that would swallow me up.
GOD shall send forth His mercy and His truth.
My soul is among lions:
And I lie even among them that are set on fire,
Even the sons of men,
Whose teeth are spears and arrows,
And their tongue a sharp sword.
Be Thou exalted, O GOD, above the heavens;
Let Thy glory be above all the earth.

They have prepared a net for my steps;
My soul is bowed down:
They have digged a pit before me,
Into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves.
My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:
I will sing and give praise.
Awake up, my glory;
Awake, psaltery and harp:
I myself will awake early.
I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people:
I will sing unto Thee among the nations.
For Thy mercy is great unto the heavens,
And Thy truth unto the clouds.
Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens:
Let Thy glory be above all the earth.
Do ye indeed speak righteousness,
O congregation?
Do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?
Yea, in heart ye work wickedness;
Ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.
The wicked are estranged from the womb:
They go astray as soon as they are born,
Speaking lies.
Their poison is like the poison of a serpent:
They are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear;
Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers,
Charming never so wisely.
But, verily there is a reward for the righteous:
Verily He is a God that judgeth in the earth.

FEB. 4. MAY 6. AUG. 5. NOV. 4.

Psalms lix. lx.

DELIVER me from mine enemies,
O my GOD :
Defend me from them that rise up against me.
Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,
And save me from bloody men.
For lo,
They lie in wait for my soul ;
The mighty are gathered together against me,
Not for my transgression, nor for my sin,
O LORD.
They run and prepare themselves without my fault :
Awake to help me, and behold.
Because of his strength will I wait upon Thee :
For GOD is my defence.
The GOD of my mercy shall go before me :
GOD shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.
Slay them not,
Lest my people forget :
Scatter them by Thy power ;
And bring them down, O LORD our shield.
Let them know that GOD ruleth in Jacob
Unto the ends of the earth.
But I will sing of Thy power ;

Yea, I will sing aloud of Thy mercy in the morning:
For Thou hast been my defence and refuge
In the day of my trouble.
Unto Thee, O my strength, will I sing:
For God is my defence,
And the God of my mercy.
O God,
Thou hast cast us off,
Thou hast scattered us,
Thou hast been displeased;
O turn Thyself to us again.
Thou hast shewed Thy people hard things:
Thou hast made us drink the wine of astonishment.
Thou hast given a banner
To them that fear Thee,
That it may be displayed because of the truth.
That Thy beloved may be delivered;
Save with Thy right hand, and hear me.
Who will bring me into the strong city?
Who will lead me into Edom?
Wilt not Thou, O God,
Who hadst cast us off?
And Thou, O God,
Who didst not go out with our armies?
Give us help from trouble:
For vain is the help of man.
Through God we shall do valiantly:
For He it is that shall tread down our enemies.

FEB. 5. MAY 7. AUG. 6. NOV. 5.

Psalms lxi. lxii. lxiii.

HEAR my cry, O GOD;
Attend unto my prayer.
From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee:
When my heart is overwhelmed,
Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.
For Thou hast been a shelter for me,
And a strong tower from the enemy.
I will abide in Thy tabernacle for ever:
I will trust in the covert of Thy wings.
For Thou, O GOD, hast given me the heritage
Of those that fear Thy name.
Truly my soul waiteth upon GOD:
From Him cometh my salvation.
He only is my rock and my salvation!
He is my defence;
I shall not be greatly moved.
My soul, wait thou only upon GOD;
For my expectation is from Him.
In God is my salvation and my glory:
The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.
Trust in Him at all times;
Ye people, pour out your heart before Him:

GOD is a refuge for us.
GOD hath spoken once ;
Twice have I heard this ;
That power belongeth unto GOD.
Also unto Thee, O LORD, belongeth mercy :
For Thou renderest to every man
According to his work.
O GOD, Thou art my GOD ;
Early will I seek Thee :
My soul thirsteth for Thee,
My flesh longeth for Thee
In a dry and thirsty land, where no water is ;
To see Thy power and Thy glory,
So as I have seen Thee in the sanctuary.
Because Thy lovingkindness is better than life,
My lips shall praise Thee.
Thus will I bless Thee while I live :
I will lift up my hands in Thy name.
My soul shall be satisfied,
And my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips ;
When I remember Thee upon my bed,
And meditate on Thee in the night watches.
Because Thou hast been my help,
Therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice.
My soul followeth hard after Thee :
Thy right hand upholdeth me.

FEB. 6. MAY 8. AUG. 7. NOV. 6.

Psalms lxv. lxvi.

PRAISE waiteth for Thee, O GOD, in Sion :
And unto Thee shall the vow be performed.
O Thou that hearest prayer,
Unto Thee shall all flesh come.
Iniquities prevail against me :
As for our transgressions,
Thou shalt purge them away.
Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest,
And causest to approach unto Thee,
That he may dwell in Thy courts :
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house,
Even of Thy holy temple.
By terrible things in righteousness
Wilt Thou answer us,
O GOD of our salvation ;
Who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth,
And of them that are afar off upon the sea :
Who by His strength setteth fast the mountains ;
Being girded with power :
Who stilleth the noise of the seas,
The noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.
They also that dwell in the uttermost parts
Are afraid at Thy tokens :

Thou makest the outgoings
Of the morning and evening to rejoice.
Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it:
Thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God,
Which is full of water:
Thou preparest them corn,
When Thou hast so provided for it.
Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly:
Thou settlest the furrows thereof:
Thou makest it soft with showers:
Thou blessest the springing thereof.
Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness;
And Thy paths drop fatness.
They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness:
And the little hills rejoice on every side.
The pastures are clothed with flocks;
The valleys also are covered over with corn;
They shout for joy, they also sing.
Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:
Sing forth the honour of His name:
Make His praise glorious.
Say unto God,
How terrible art Thou in Thy works!
Through the greatness of Thy power
Shall Thine enemies submit themselves unto Thee.
All the earth shall worship Thee,
And shall sing unto Thee;
They shall sing to Thy name.

Feb. 7. May 9. Aug. 8. Nov. 7.

Psalms lxvi. lxvii.

Come and see the works of God :
He is terrible in His doing
Toward the children of men.
He turned the sea into dry land :
They went through the flood on foot :
There did we rejoice in Him.
He ruleth by His power for ever ;
His eyes behold the nations :
Let not the rebellious exalt themselves.
O bless our God, ye people,
And make the voice of His praise to be heard :
Who holdeth our soul in life,
And suffereth not our feet to be moved.
For Thou, O God, hast proved us :
Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.
Thou broughtest us into the net ;
Thou laidst affliction upon our loins.
Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads ;
We went through fire and through water :
But Thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.
I will go into Thy house,
I will pay Thee my vows,
Which my lips have uttered,

And my mouth hath spoken,
When I was in trouble.
Come and hear, all ye that fear GOD,
And I will declare what He hath done for my soul.
I cried unto Him with my mouth,
And He was extolled with my tongue.
If I regard iniquity in my heart,
THE LORD will not hear me :
But verily GOD hath heard me ;
He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be GOD,
Who hath not turned away my prayer,
Nor His mercy from me.
GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us ;
And cause His face to shine upon us ;
That Thy way may be known upon earth,
Thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise Thee, O GOD ;
Let all the people praise Thee.
O let the nations be glad and sing for joy :
For Thou shalt judge the people righteously,
And govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise Thee, O GOD ;
Let all the people praise Thee.
Then shall the earth yield her increase ;
And GOD, even our own GOD, shall bless us.
GOD shall bless us ;
And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

FEB. 8. MAY 10. AUG. 9. NOV. 8.

Psalm lxviii.

LET GOD arise,
Let His enemies be scattered :
Let them also that hate Him flee before Him.
But let the righteous be glad ;
Let them rejoice before GOD :
Yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.
Sing unto GOD,
Sing praises to His name :
And rejoice before Him.
A father of the fatherless,
And a judge of the widows,
Is GOD in His holy habitation.
GOD setteth the solitary in families :
He bringeth out those which are bound with chains :
But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.
Thou, O GOD, didst send a plentiful rain,
Whereby Thou didst confirm Thine inheritance,
When it was weary.
Thy congregation hath dwelt therein :
Thou, O GOD,
Hast prepared of Thy goodness for the poor.
THE LORD gave the word :
Great was the company of those that published it.

Kings of armies did flee apace :
And she that tarried at home divided the spoil.
Though ye have lien among the pots,
Yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove,
Covered with silver,
And her feathers with yellow gold.
The chariots of GOD are twenty thousand,
Even thousands of angels :
THE LORD is among them,
As in Sinai, in the holy place.
Thou hast ascended on high,
Thou hast led captivity captive :
Thou hast received gifts for men ;
Yea, for the rebellious also,
That THE LORD GOD might dwell among them.
Blessed be THE LORD,
Who daily loadeth us with benefits,
Even the GOD of our salvation.
He that is our GOD is the GOD of salvation ;
And unto GOD THE LORD
Belong the issues from death.
Thy GOD hath commanded thy strength :
Strengthen, O GOD,
That which Thou hast wrought for us.
O GOD, Thou art terrible out of Thy holy places :
The GOD of Israel is He
That giveth strength and power unto His people.
Blessed be GOD.

FEB. 9. MAY 11. AUG. 10. NOV. 9.

Psalm lxix.

SAVE me, O GOD;
For the waters are come in unto my soul.
I sink in deep mire,
Where there is no standing:
I am come into deep waters,
Where the floods overflow me.
I am weary with my crying:
My throat is dried:
Mine eyes fail while I wait for my GOD.
They that hate me without a cause
Are more than the hairs of my head:
They that would destroy me,
Being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty:
Then I restored that which I took not away.
O GOD, Thou knowest my foolishness;
And my sins are not hid from Thee.
Let not those that wait on Thee,
O LORD GOD of hosts,
Be ashamed for my sake:
Let not those that seek Thee
Be confounded for my sake,
O GOD of Israel.
Because for Thy sake I have borne reproach;
Shame hath covered my face.

I am become a stranger unto my brethren,
And an alien unto my mother's children.
For the zeal of Thy house hath eaten me up;
And the reproaches of them that reproached Thee
Are fallen upon me.
When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting,
That was to my reproach.
I made sackcloth also my garment;
And I became a proverb to them.
They that sit in the gate speak against me;
And I was the song of the drunkards.
But as for me,
My prayer is unto Thee, O LORD,
In an acceptable time:
O GOD, in the multitude of Thy mercy hear me,
In the truth of Thy salvation.
Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink:
Let me be delivered from them that hate me,
And out of the deep waters.
Let not the waterflood overflow me,
Neither let the deep swallow me up,
And let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.
Hear me, O LORD; for Thy lovingkindness is good:
Turn unto me
According to the multitude of Thy tender mercies,
And hide not Thy face from Thy servant;
For I am in trouble:
Hear me speedily.

Feb. 10. May 12. Aug. 11. Nov. 10.

Psalms lxix. lxx. lxxi.

Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it :
Deliver me because of mine enemies.
Thou hast known my reproach,
And my shame, and my dishonour :
Mine adversaries are all before Thee.
Reproach hath broken my heart ;
And I am full of heaviness :
And I looked for some to take pity,
But there was none ;
And for comforters,
But I found none.
They gave me also gall for my meat ;
And in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
For they persecute him whom Thou hast smitten ;
And they talk to the grief of those
Whom Thou hast wounded.
But I am poor and sorrowful :
Let Thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.
I will praise the name of God with a song,
And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.
The humble shall see this, and be glad :
And your heart shall live that seek God.
For The Lord heareth the poor,

And despiseth not His prisoners.
Let the heaven and earth praise Him,
The seas, and every thing that moveth therein.
For God will save Zion,
And will build the cities of Judah:
That they may dwell there, and have it in possession.
The seed also of His servants shall inherit it:
And they that love His name shall dwell therein.
Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
Make haste to help me, O Lord.
Let all those that seek Thee
Rejoice and be glad in Thee:
And let such as love Thy salvation say continually,
Let God be magnified.
But I am poor and needy:
Make haste unto me, O God:
Thou art my help and my deliverer,
O Lord, make no tarrying.
In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust:
Let me never be put to confusion.
Deliver me in Thy righteousness,
And cause me to escape:
Incline Thine ear unto me,
And save me.
Be Thou my strong habitation,
Whereunto I may continually resort:
Thou hast given commandment to save me;
For Thou art my rock and my fortress.

FEB. 11. MAY 13. AUG. 12. NOV. 11.

Psalm lxxi.

DELIVER me, O my GOD,
Out of the hand of the wicked,
Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
For Thou art my hope, O LORD GOD :
Thou art my trust from my youth.
I am as a wonder unto many ;
But Thou art my strong refuge.
Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise
And with Thy honour all the day.
Cast me not off in the time of old age ;
Forsake me not when my strength faileth.
For mine enemies speak against me ;
And they that lay wait for my soul
Take counsel together,
Saying, GOD hath forsaken him :
Persecute and take him ;
For there is none to deliver him.
O GOD, be not far from me :
O my GOD, make haste for my help.
I will hope continually,
And will yet praise Thee more and more.
My mouth shall shew forth Thy righteousness
And Thy salvation all the day ;
For I know not the numbers thereof.

I will go in the strength of THE LORD GOD :
I will make mention of Thy righteousness,
Even of Thine only.
O GOD, Thou hast taught me from my youth :
And hitherto have I declared Thy wondrous works.
Now also when I am old and greyheaded,
O GOD, forsake me not ;
Until I have shewed Thy strength unto this generation,
And Thy power to every one that is to come.
Thy righteousness also, O GOD, is very high,
Who hast done great things :
O GOD, who is like unto Thee !
Thou, who hast shewed me great and sore troubles,
Shalt quicken me again,
And shalt bring me up again
From the depths of the earth.
Thou shalt increase my greatness,
And comfort me on every side.
I will also praise Thee with the psaltery,
Even Thy truth, O my GOD :
Unto Thee will I sing with the harp,
O Thou Holy One of Israel.
My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto Thee ;
And my soul, which Thou hast redeemed.
My tongue also shall talk of Thy righteousness
All the day long :
For they are confounded,
For they are brought unto shame,
That seek my hurt.

FEB. 12. MAY 14. AUG. 13. NOV. 12.

Psalm lxxii.

GIVE the king Thy judgments, O GOD,
And Thy righteousness unto the king's son.
He shall judge Thy people with righteousness,
And Thy poor with judgment.
He shall judge the poor of the people,
He shall save the children of the needy,
And shall break in pieces the oppressor.
They shall fear Thee
As long as the sun and moon endure,
Throughout all generations.
He shall come down
Like rain upon the mown grass:
As showers that water the earth.
In His days shall the righteous flourish;
And abundance of peace as long as the moon endureth.
He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,
And from the river unto the ends of the earth.
They that dwell in the wilderness
Shall bow before Him,
And His enemies shall lick the dust.
The kings of Tarshish and of the isles
Shall bring presents:
The kings of Sheba and Seba

Shall offer gifts.
Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him :
All nations shall serve Him.
For He shall deliver the needy when he crieth ;
The poor also, and him that hath no helper.
He shall spare the poor and needy,
And shall save the souls of the needy.
He shall redeem their soul
From deceit and violence :
And precious shall their blood be in His sight.
And He shall live,
And to Him shall be given of the gold of Sheba :
Prayer also shall be made for Him continually ;
And daily shall He be praised.
There shall be a handful of corn in the earth
Upon the top of the mountains ;
The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon :
And they of the city shall flourish
Like grass of the earth.
His name shall endure for ever :
His name shall be continued as long as the sun :
And men shall be blessed in Him :
All nations shall call Him blessed.
Blessed be THE LORD GOD, the GOD of Israel,
Who only doeth wondrous things.
And blessed be His glorious name for ever :
And let the whole earth be filled with His glory ;
Amen, and Amen.

Feb. 13. May 15. Aug. 14. Nov. 13.

Psalm lxxiii.

TRULY GOD is good to Israel,
Even to such as are of a clean heart.
But as for me, my feet were almost gone;
My steps had well nigh slipped.
For I was envious at the foolish,
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
For there are no bands in their death:
But their strength is firm.
They are not in trouble as other men;
Neither are they plagued like other men.
Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain;
Violence covereth them as a garment.
Their eyes stand out with fatness:
They have more than heart could wish.
They are corrupt, and speak wickedly;
Concerning oppression, they speak loftily.
They set their mouth against the heavens,
And their tongue walketh through the earth.
Therefore His people return hither:
And waters of a full cup are wrung out to them.
And they say, How doth God know?
And is there knowledge in the MOST HIGH?
These are the ungodly, who prosper in the world;

They increase in riches.
Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain,
And washed my hands in innocency.
For all the day long have I been plagued,
And chastened every morning.
If I say, I will speak thus;
Behold, I should offend
Against the generation of Thy children.
When I thought to know this,
It was too painful for me;
Until I went into the sanctuary of God;
Then understood I their end.
Surely Thou didst set them in slippery places:
Thou castedst them down into destruction.
How are they brought into desolation,
As in a moment!
They are utterly consumed with terrors.
As a dream when one awaketh;
So, O Lord, when Thou awakest,
Thou shalt despise their image.
Thus my heart was grieved,
And I was pricked in my reins.
So foolish was I, and ignorant;
I was as a beast before Thee.
Nevertheless, I am continually with Thee:
Thou hast holden me by my right hand.
Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel,
And afterward receive me to glory.

FEB. 14. MAY 16. AUG. 15. NOV. 14.

Psalms lxxiii. lxxiv. lxxv.

WHOM have I in heaven but Thee?
And there is none upon earth
That I desire beside Thee.
My flesh and my heart fail:
But GOD is the strength of my heart,
And my portion for ever.
For, lo, they that are far from Thee shall perish:
But it is good for me to draw near to GOD:
I have put my trust in THE LORD GOD,
That I may declare all Thy works.
O GOD, why hast Thou cast us off for ever?
Why doth Thine anger smoke
Against the sheep of Thy pasture?
Remember Thy congregation,
Which Thou hast purchased of old;
This mount Zion, wherein Thou hast dwelt.
The day is Thine,
The night also is Thine:
Thou hast prepared the light and the sun.
Thou hast set all the borders of the earth:
Thou hast made summer and winter.
Remember this,

That the enemy hath reproached, O LORD,
And that the foolish people
Have blasphemed Thy name.
O deliver not the soul of Thy turtledove
Unto the multitude of the wicked :
Forget not the congregation of Thy poor for ever.
Have respect unto the covenant :
For the dark places of the earth
Are full of the habitations of cruelty.
O let not the oppressed return ashamed :
Let the poor and needy praise Thy name.
Arise, O GOD, plead Thine own cause.
Unto Thee, O GOD, do we give thanks,
Unto Thee do we give thanks :
For that Thy name is near
Thy wondrous works declare.
I said unto the fools,
Deal not foolishly :
And to the wicked, Lift not up the horn :
Lift not up your horn on high :
Speak not with a stiff neck.
For promotion cometh neither from the east,
Nor from the west,
Nor from the south.
But GOD is the judge :
He putteth down one, and setteth up another.
I will declare for ever ;
I will sing praises to the GOD of Jacob.

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Psalm lxxvii.

I CRIED unto GOD with my voice,
Even unto GOD with my voice;
And He gave ear unto me.
In the day of my trouble I sought THE LORD:
My sore ran in the night, and ceased not:
My soul refused to be comforted.
I remembered GOD,
And was troubled:
I complained,
And my spirit was overwhelmed.
Thou holdest mine eyes waking:
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
I have considered the days of old,
The years of ancient times.
I call to remembrance my song in the night:
I commune with mine own heart:
And my spirit made diligent search.
Will THE LORD cast off for ever?
And will He be favourable no more?
Is His mercy clean gone for ever?
Doth His promise fail for evermore?
Hath GOD forgotten to be gracious?
Hath He in anger shut up His tender mercies?

And I said, This is my infirmity :
But I will remember
The years of the right hand of the MOST HIGH.
I will remember the works of THE LORD :
Surely I will remember Thy wonders of old.
I will meditate also of all Thy work,
And talk of Thy doings.
Thy way, O GOD, is in the sanctuary :
Who is so great a GOD as our GOD ?
Thou art the GOD that doest wonders :
Thou hast declared Thy strength among the people.
Thou hast with Thine arm redeemed Thy people,
The sons of Jacob and Joseph.
The waters saw Thee, O GOD,
The waters saw Thee ;
They were afraid :
The depths also were troubled.
The clouds poured out water :
The skies sent out a sound :
Thine arrows also went abroad.
The voice of Thy thunder was in the heaven :
The lightnings lightened the world :
The earth trembled and shook.
Thy way is in the sea,
And Thy path in the great waters,
And Thy footsteps are not known ;
But thou leddest Thy people like a flock
By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

FEB. 16. MAY 18. AUG. 17. NOV. 16.

Psalm lxxviii.

GIVE ear, O My people, to My law :
Incline your ears to the words of My mouth.
I will open My mouth in a parable :
I will utter dark sayings of old :
Which we have heard and known,
And our fathers have told us.
We will not hide them from their children,
Shewing to the generation to come
The praises of THE LORD,
And His strength,
And His wonderful works that He hath done.
For He established a testimony in Jacob,
And appointed a law in Israel,
Which He commanded our fathers,
That they should make them known to their children:
That the generation to come might know them,
Even the children which should be born ;
Who should arise and declare them to their children :
That they might set their hope in GOD,
And not forget the works of GOD,
But keep His commandments :
And might not be as their fathers,

A stubborn and rebellious generation;
A generation that set not their heart aright,
And whose spirit was not steadfast with God;
Because they believed not in God,
And trusted not in His salvation:
Though He had commanded the clouds
From above,
And opened the doors of heaven;
And had rained down manna upon them to eat,
And had given them of the corn of heaven.
When He slew them,
Then they sought Him:
And they returned and inquired early after God.
And they remembered that God was their rock,
And the high God their redeemer.
Nevertheless,
They did flatter Him with their mouth,
And they lied unto Him with their tongues.
For their heart was not right with Him,
Neither were they steadfast in His covenant.
But He, being full of compassion,
Forgave their iniquity,
And destroyed them not:
Yea, many a time turned He His anger away,
And did not stir up all His wrath.
For He remembered that they were but flesh;
A wind that passeth away,
And cometh not again.

FEB. 17. MAY 19. AUG. 18. NOV. 17.

Psalms lxxix. lxxx.

O REMEMBER not against us former iniquities :
Let Thy tender mercies speedily prevent us :
For we are brought very low.
Help us, O GOD of our salvation,
For the glory of Thy name :
And deliver us, and purge away our sins,
For Thy name's sake.
Wherefore should the heathen say,
Where is their GOD ?
Let the sighing of the prisoner come before Thee ;
According to the greatness of Thy power
Preserve Thou those that are appointed to die ;
So we Thy people and sheep of Thy pasture
Will give Thee thanks for ever :
We will shew forth Thy praise to all generations.
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock ;
And come and save us.
O LORD GOD of hosts,
How long wilt Thou be angry
Against the prayer of Thy people ?
Thou feedest them with the bread of tears ;
And givest them tears to drink in great measure.
Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours :

And our enemies laugh among themselves.
Turn us again, O God of hosts,
And cause Thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.
Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt:
Thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.
Thou preparedst room before it,
And didst cause it to take deep root,
And it filled the land.
The hills were covered with the shadow of it,
And the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars.
She sent out her boughs unto the sea,
And her branches unto the river.
Why hast thou then broken down her hedges,
So that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?
The boar out of the wood doth waste it,
And the wild beast of the field doth devour it.
Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts:
Look down from heaven,
And behold, and visit this vine;
And the vineyard
Which Thy right hand hath planted,
And the branch that Thou madest strong for Thyself.
It is burned with fire, it is cut down:
They perish at the rebuke of Thy countenance.
Let Thy hand be upon the man of Thy right hand,
Upon the son of man
Whom Thou madest strong for Thyself.
So will not we go back from Thee:
Quicken us, and we will call upon Thy name.

FEB. 18. MAY 20. AUG. 19. NOV. 18.

Psalm lxxxi.

SING aloud unto GOD
Our strength:
Make a joyful noise
Unto the GOD of Jacob.
Take a psalm,
And bring hither the timbrel,
The pleasant harp
With the psaltery.
Blow up the trumpet in the new moon,
In the time appointed,
On our solemn feast day.
For this was a statute for Israel,
And a law of the GOD of Jacob.
This He ordained in Joseph
For a testimony,
When he went out through the land of Egypt:
Where I heard a language that I understood not.
I removed his shoulder from the burden:
His hands were delivered from the pots.
Thou calledst in trouble,
And I delivered thee;
I answered thee
In the secret place of thunder:

I proved thee
At the waters of Meribah.
Hear, O my people,
And I will testify unto thee:
O Israel,
If thou wilt hearken unto Me,
There shall no strange god be in thee;
Neither shalt thou worship any strange god.
I am THE LORD thy GOD,
Which brought thee out of the land of Egypt:
Open thy mouth wide,
And I will fill it.
But My people would not hearken to My voice:
And Israel would none of Me.
So I gave them up
Unto their own hearts' lust;
And they walked in their own counsels.
Oh, that My people had hearkened unto Me,
And Israel had walked in My ways!
I should soon have subdued their enemies,
And turned My hand against their adversaries.
The haters of THE LORD
Should have submitted themselves unto Him:
But their time should have endured for ever.
He would have fed them also
With the finest of the wheat:
And with honey out of the rock
Would I have satisfied thee.

FEB. 19. MAY 21. AUG. 20. NOV. 19.

Psalms lxxxiv. lxxvi.

How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!
My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth
For the courts of THE LORD:
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living GOD.
Yea, as the sparrow hath found a house,
And the swallow a nest for herself,
Where she may lay her young,
So longeth my soul after Thine altars,
O LORD of hosts, my King, and my GOD.
Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house:
They will be still praising Thee.
Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee;
In whose heart are the ways of them
Who passing through the valley of Baca
Make it a well;
The rain also filleth the pools.
They go from strength to strength,
Every one of them in Zion appeareth before GOD.
O LORD GOD of hosts, hear my prayer:
Give ear, O GOD of Jacob.
Behold, O GOD our shield,
And look upon the face of Thine anointed,
For a day in Thy courts

Is better than a thousand.
I would rather be a doorkeeper
In the house of my God,
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
For The Lord God is a sun and shield:
The Lord will give grace and glory:
No good thing will He withhold
From them that walk uprightly.
O Lord of hosts,
Blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.
Lord, Thou hast been favourable unto Thy land;
Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.
Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people,
Thou hast covered all their sin.
Thou hast taken away all Thy wrath:
Thou hast turned Thyself
From the fierceness of Thine anger.
Turn us, O God of our salvation,
And cause Thine anger toward us to cease.
Wilt Thou be angry with us for ever?
Wilt Thou draw out Thine anger to all generations?
Wilt Thou not revive us again:
That Thy people may rejoice in Thee?
Shew us Thy mercy, O Lord,
And grant us Thy salvation.
I will hear what God The Lord will speak:
For He will speak peace unto His people,
And to His saints:
But let them not turn again to folly.

FEB. 20. MAY 22. AUG. 21. NOV. 20.

Psalms lxxv. lxxvi.

SURELY His salvation is nigh them that fear Him;
That glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall spring out of the earth;
And righteousness shall look down from heaven.
Yea, THE LORD will give that which is good;
And our land shall yield her increase.
Righteousness shall go before Him;
And shall set us in the way of His steps.
Bow down Thine ear, O LORD,
Hear me: for I am poor and needy.
Preserve my soul, O Thou my GOD;
Save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee.
Be merciful unto me, O LORD:
For I cry unto Thee daily.
Rejoice the soul of Thy servant:
For unto Thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.
For Thou, LORD, art good, and ready to forgive.
And plenteous in mercy
Unto all them that call upon Thee.
Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer;
And attend to the voice of my supplications.
In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee:
For Thou wilt answer me.

All nations whom Thou hast made
Shall come and worship before Thee, O LORD;
And shall glorify Thy name.
For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things:
Thou art GOD alone.
Teach me Thy way, O LORD;
I will walk in Thy truth:
Unite my heart to fear Thy name.
I will praise Thee, O LORD my GOD,
With all my heart:
And I will glorify Thy name for evermore.
For great is Thy mercy toward me:
And Thou hast delivered my soul
From the lowest hell.
O GOD, the proud are risen against me,
And the assemblies of violent men
Have sought after my soul;
And have not set Thee before them.
But Thou, O LORD,
Art a GOD full of compassion, and gracious,
Longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.
O turn unto me and have mercy upon me;
Give Thy strength unto Thy servant,
And save the son of Thy handmaid.
Shew me a token for good;
That they which hate me may see it,
And be ashamed:
Because Thou, LORD, hast holpen me,
And comforted me.

FEB. 21. MAY 23. AUG. 22. NOV. 21.

Psalms lxxxviii. lxxix.

O LORD GOD of my salvation,
I have cried day and night before Thee :
Let my prayer come before Thee :
Incline Thine ear unto my cry ;
For my soul is full of troubles,
And my life draweth nigh unto the grave :
I am counted with them that go down into the pit :
I am as a man that hath no strength :
Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit,
In darkness, in the deeps.
Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,
And Thou hast afflicted me with all Thy waves.
Thou hast put away mine acquaintance
Far from me ;
Thou hast made me an abomination unto them :
I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.
Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction :
LORD, I have called daily upon Thee,
I have stretched out my hands unto Thee.
Wilt Thou shew wonders to the dead ?
Shall the dead arise and praise Thee ?
Shall Thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave ?
Or Thy faithfulness in destruction ?

Shall Thy wonders be known in the dark?
And Thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?
But unto Thee have I cried, O LORD;
And in the morning shall my prayer come before Thee.
LORD, why castest Thou off my soul?
Why hidest Thou Thy face from me?
I am afflicted and ready to die
From my youth up:
While I suffer Thy terrors I am distracted.
Thy fierce wrath goeth over me;
Thy terrors have cut me off.
They came round about me daily like water;
They compassed me about together.
Lover and friend hast Thou put far from me,
And mine acquaintance into darkness.
I will sing of the mercies of THE LORD for ever:
With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness
To all generations.
For I have said,
Mercy shall be built up for ever:
Thy faithfulness shalt Thou establish
In the very heavens.
I have made a covenant with My chosen,
I have sworn unto David My servant,
Thy seed will I establish for ever,
And build up thy throne to all generations.
And the heavens shall praise Thy wonders, O LORD:
Thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

FEB. 22. MAY 24. AUG. 23. NOV. 22.

Psalm lxxxix.

WHO in the Heaven can be compared unto THE LORD?
Who among the sons of the mighty
Can be likened unto THE LORD?
GOD is greatly to be feared
In the assembly of the saints,
And to be had in reverence
By all them that are about Him.
O LORD GOD of hosts,
Who is a strong LORD like unto Thee?
Or to Thy faithfulness round about Thee?
Thou rulest the raging of the sea:
When the waves thereof arise, Thou stillest them.
The heavens are Thine,
The earth also is Thine:
As for the world and the fulness thereof,
Thou hast founded them.
Thou hast a mighty arm:
Strong is Thy hand, and high is Thy right hand.
Justice and judgment
Are the habitation of Thy throne:
Mercy and truth
Shall go before Thy face.

Blessed are the people that know the joyful sound :
They shall walk, O LORD,
In the light of Thy countenance.
In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day :
And in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted.
For Thou art the glory of their strength :
And in Thy favour our horn shall be exalted.
For THE LORD is our defence ;
And the Holy One of Israel is our King.
How long, LORD ?
Wilt Thou hide Thyself for ever ?
Shall Thy wrath burn like fire ?
Remember how short my time is :
Wherefore hast Thou made all men in vain ?
What man is he that liveth,
And shall not see death ?
Shall he deliver his soul from the grasp of the grave ?
LORD, where are Thy former lovingkindnesses,
Which Thou swarest unto David in Thy truth ?
Remember, LORD, the reproach of Thy servants ;
How I do bear in my bosom
The reproach of all the mighty people ;
Wherewith Thine enemies have reproached,
O LORD ;
Wherewith they have reproached
The footsteps of Thine anointed.
Blessed be THE LORD for evermore.
Amen, and Amen.

Feb. 23. May 25. Aug. 24. Nov. 23.

Psalm xc.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place
In all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever Thou hadst formed
The earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting,
Thou art God.
Thou turnest man to destruction;
And sayest, Return, ye children of men:
For a thousand years in Thy sight
Are but as yesterday when it is past,
And as a watch in the night.
Thou carriest them away as with a flood;
They are as a sleep:
In the morning
They are like grass which groweth up.
In the morning
It flourisheth, and groweth up;
In the evening
It is cut down, and withereth.
For we are consumed by Thine anger,
And by Thy wrath are we troubled.
Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee,

Our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.
For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath :
We spend our years as a tale that is told.
The days of our years
Are threescore years and ten ;
And if by reason of strength
They be fourscore years,
Yet is their strength labour and sorrow ;
For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
But who regardeth the power of Thine anger,
And that, according to the neglect of Thy fear,
So is Thy wrath ?
So teach us to number our days,
That we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
Return, O LORD, how long ?
And let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants.
O satisfy us early with Thy mercy ;
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad
According to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us,
And the years wherein we have seen evil.
Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants,
And Thy glory unto their children.
And let the beauty of THE LORD our GOD
Be upon us :
And establish Thou the work of our hands upon us ;
Yea,
The work of our hands establish Thou it.

FEB. 24. MAY 26. AUG. 25. NOV. 24.

Psalm xci.

HE that dwelleth
In the secret place of the MOST HIGH
Shall abide
Under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of THE LORD,
He is my refuge and my fortress:
My GOD;
In Him will I trust.
Surely He shall deliver thee
From the snare of the fowler,
And from the noisome pestilence.
He shall cover thee with His feathers,
And under His wings shalt thou trust:
His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
Thou shalt not be afraid
For the terror by night;
Nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness;
Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
A thousand shall fall at thy side,
And ten thousand at thy right hand;
But it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes
Shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
Because thou hast made THE LORD,
Who is my refuge,
Even the MOST HIGH,
Thy habitation;
There shall no evil befall thee,
Neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
For He shall give His angels charge over thee,
To keep thee in all thy ways.
They shall bear thee up in their hands,
Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder:
The young lion and the dragon
Shalt thou trample under feet.
Because he hath set his love upon Me,
Therefore will I deliver him:
I will set him on high,
Because he hath known My name.
He shall call upon Me,
And I will answer him:
I will be with him in trouble;
I will deliver him, and honour him.
With long life will I satisfy him,
And shew him My salvation.

FEB. 25. MAY 27. AUG. 26. NOV. 25.

Psalms xcii. xciv.

IT is a good thing
To give thanks unto THE LORD,
And to sing praises unto Thy name, O MOST HIGH:
To show forth Thy lovingkindness in the morning,
And Thy faithfulness every night,
For Thou, LORD,
Hast made me glad through Thy work:
I will triumph in the works of Thy hands.
Those that be planted in the house of THE LORD
Shall flourish in the courts of our GOD.
They shall still bring forth fruit in old age;
To show that THE LORD is upright:
He is my rock,
And there is no unrighteousness in Him.
LORD, how long shall the wicked,
How long shall the wicked triumph?
How long shall they utter and speak hard things?
And all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?
They break in pieces Thy people, O LORD,
And afflict Thine heritage.
They slay the widow and the stranger,
And murder the fatherless.

Yet they say,
THE LORD shall not see,
Neither shall the GOD of Jacob regard it.
Understand; ye brutish among the people:
And ye fools, when will ye be wise?
He that planted the ear, shall He not hear?
He that formed the eye, shall He not see?
He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not He correct?
He that teacheth man knowledge, shall not He know?
THE LORD knoweth the thoughts of man,
That they are vanity.
Blessed is the man whom Thou chastenest, O LORD,
And teachest him out of Thy law;
That thou mayest give him rest
From the days of adversity,
Until the pit be digged for the wicked.
For THE LORD will not cast off His people,
Neither will He forsake His inheritance.
But judgment shall accompany righteousness:
And all the upright in heart shall follow it.
Unless THE LORD had been my help,
My soul had almost dwelt in silence.
When I said, My foot slippeth;
Thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.
In the multitude of my thoughts within me
Thy comforts delight my soul.
For THE LORD is my defence;
And my GOD is the rock of my refuge.

FEB. 26. MAY 28. AUG. 27. NOV. 26.

Psalms xcv. xcvi.

O COME,
Let us sing unto THE LORD:
Let us make a joyful noise
To the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
And make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.
For THE LORD is a great GOD,
And a great King above all gods.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth:
The strength of the hills is His also.
The sea is His, and He made it:
And His hands formed the dry land.
O come,
Let us worship and bow down:
Let us kneel before THE LORD our maker.
For He is our GOD;
And we are the sheep of His pasture,
And the people of His hand.
O sing unto THE LORD a new song:
Sing unto THE LORD, all the earth.
Sing unto THE LORD, bless His name:
Shew forth His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the heathen,
His wonders among all people.
For THE LORD is great, and greatly to be praised:
He is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are idols:
But THE LORD made the heavens.
Honour and majesty are before Him:
Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
Ascribe unto THE LORD,
O ye kindreds of the people,
Ascribe unto THE LORD glory and strength.
Give unto THE LORD the glory due unto His name:
Bring an offering and come into His courts.
O worship THE LORD in the beauty of holiness:
Fear before Him, all the earth.
Say among the heathen, THE LORD reigneth:
The world also shall be established
That it shall not be moved:
He shall judge the people righteously.
Let the heavens rejoice,
And let the earth be glad;
Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.
Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein:
Then shall all the trees of the wood
Rejoice before THE LORD:
For He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth.
He shall judge the world with righteousness
And the people with His truth.

Feb. 27. May 29. Aug. 28. Nov. 27.

Psalms xcvii. xcviii.

The Lord reigneth;
Let the earth rejoice;
Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.
Clouds and darkness
Are round about Him:
But righteousness and judgment
Are the habitation of His throne.
His lightnings lightened the world:
The earth saw,
And trembled.
The heavens declare His righteousness,
And all the people see His glory.
For Thou, Lord, art high above all the earth:
Thou art exalted far above all gods.
Ye that love The Lord,
Hate evil:
He preserveth the souls of His saints;
He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.
Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in The Lord, ye righteous;
And give thanks
At the remembrance of His holiness.

O sing unto THE LORD a new song;
For He hath done marvellous things:
His right hand, and His holy arm,
Have gotten Him the victory.
THE LORD hath made known His salvation:
His righteousness hath He openly shewed
In the sight of the heathen.
He hath remembered His mercy and His truth
Toward the house of Israel:
All the ends of the earth
Have seen the salvation of our GOD.
Make a joyful noise unto THE LORD,
All the earth:
Make a loud noise,
And rejoice, and sing praise.
Sing unto THE LORD with the harp;
With the harp, and the voice of a psalm.
With trumpets and sound of cornet
Make a joyful noise
Before THE LORD, the King.
Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell therein.
Let the floods clap their hands:
Let the hills be joyful together:
Before THE LORD;
For He cometh to judge the earth:
With righteousness shall He judge the world,
And the people with equity.

Feb. 28. May 30. Aug. 29. Nov. 28.

Psalms c. ci. cii.

Make a joyful noise unto The Lord, all ye lands.
Serve The Lord with gladness :
Come before His presence with singing.
Know ye that The Lord He is God :
It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves ;
We are His people,
And the sheep of His pasture.
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise :
Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.
For The Lord is good ;
His mercy is everlasting ;
And His truth endureth to all generations.
I will sing of mercy and judgment :
Unto Thee, O Lord, will I sing.
I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way.
O when wilt Thou come unto me?
I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.
I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes :
I hate the work of them that turn aside.
It shall not cleave to me.
A froward heart shall depart from me :
I will not know a wicked person.

Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour,
Him will I cut off:
Him that hath a high look and a proud heart
Will not I suffer.
Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land,
That they may dwell with me:
He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.
He that worketh deceit
Shall not dwell within my house:
He that telleth lies
Shall not tarry in my sight.
I will early destroy all the wicked of the land;
That I may cut off all wicked doers
From the city of THE LORD.
Hear my prayer, O LORD,
And let my cry come unto Thee.
Hide not Thy face from me
In the day when I am in trouble;
Incline Thine ear unto me:
In the day when I call answer me speedily.
Mine enemies reproach me all the day;
And they that are mad against me
Are sworn against me.
For I have eaten ashes like bread,
And mingled my drink with weeping.
Because of Thine indignation and Thy wrath:
For Thou hast lifted me up,
And cast me down.

For Feb. 29, Leap Year, see Psalm CL, page 274.

MAR. 1. MAY 31. AUG. 30. NOV. 29.

Psalm cii.

MY days are like a shadow that declineth;
And I am withered like grass.
But Thou, O LORD,
Shalt endure for ever;
And Thy remembrance unto all generations.
Thou shalt arise,
And have mercy upon Zion:
For the time to favour her,
Yea, the set time,
Is come.
For Thy servants take pleasure in her stones,
And favour the dust thereof.
So the heathen shall fear the name of THE LORD,
And all the kings of the earth Thy glory.
When THE LORD shall build up Zion,
He shall appear in His glory.
He will regard the prayer of the destitute,
And not despise their prayer.
This shall be written for the generation to come:
And the people which shall be created
Shall praise THE LORD.
For He hath looked down

From the height of His sanctuary;
From Heaven did THE LORD behold the earth;
To hear the groaning of the prisoner;
To loose those that are appointed to death;
To declare the name of THE LORD in Zion,
And His praise in Jerusalem,
When the people are gathered together,
And the kingdoms,
To serve THE LORD.
He weakened my strength in the way;
He shortened my days.
I said,
O my GOD,
Take me not away in the midst of my days:
Thy years are throughout all generations.
Of old
Hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth:
And the heavens are the work of Thy hands.
They shall perish,
But Thou shalt endure:
Yea,
All of them shall wax old like a garment;
As a vesture shalt Thou change them,
And they shall be changed:
But Thou art the same,
And Thy years shall have no end.
The children of Thy servants shall continue,
And their seed shall be established before Thee.

MAR. 2. JUNE 1. AUG. 31. NOV. 30.

Psalm ciii.

BLESS THE LORD, O my soul:
And all that is within me, bless His holy name.
Bless THE LORD, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
Who healeth all thy diseases;
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
Who crowneth thee
With lovingkindness and tender mercies;
Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things;
So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
THE LORD executeth righteousness and judgment
For all that are oppressed.
He made known His ways unto Moses,
His acts unto the children of Israel.
THE LORD is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
He will not always chide:
Neither will He keep His anger for ever.
He hath not dealt with us according to our sins;
Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
For as the heaven is high above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west,
So far hath He removed our transgressions from us.
Like as a father pitieth his children,
So THE LORD pitieth them that fear Him.
For He knoweth our frame;
He remembereth that we are dust.
As for man,
His days are as grass:
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth:
For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;
And the place thereof shall know it no more.
But the mercy of THE LORD
Is from everlasting to everlasting
Upon them that fear Him,
And His righteousness unto children's children;
To such as keep His covenant,
And to those that remember His commandments
To do them.
THE LORD hath prepared His throne in the heavens;
And His kingdom ruleth over all.
Bless THE LORD, ye His angels,
That excel in strength, that do His commandments,
Hearkening unto the voice of His word.
Bless ye THE LORD, all ye His hosts;
Ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure.
Bless THE LORD, all His works
In all places of His dominion:
Bless THE LORD, O my soul.

MAR. 3. JUNE 2. SEP. 1. DEC. 1.

Psalm civ.

BLESS THE LORD, O my soul.
O LORD my GOD, Thou art very great;
Thou art clothed with honour and majesty,
Who coverest Thyself with light
As with a garment:
Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:
Who layeth the beams of His chambers
In the waters:
Who maketh the clouds His chariot:
Who walketh upon the wings of the wind:
Who maketh His angels spirits;
His ministers a flaming fire:
Who laid the foundations of the earth,
That it should not be removed for ever.
Thou coveredst it with the deep
As with a garment:
The waters stood above the mountains.
At Thy rebuke
They fled;
At the voice of Thy thunder
They hasted away.
They go up by the mountains;
They go down by the valleys

Unto the place which Thou hast founded for them.
Thou hast set a bound
That they may not pass over ;
That they turn not again to cover the earth.
He sendeth the springs into the valleys,
Which run among the hills.
They give drink to every beast of the field :
The wild asses quench their thirst.
By them
Shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation,
Which sing among the branches.
He watereth the hills from His chambers :
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy works.
He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,
And herb for the service of man :
That he may bring forth food out of the earth,
And wine that maketh glad the heart of man,
And oil to make his face to shine,
And bread which strengtheneth man's heart.
The trees of THE LORD are full of sap ;
The cedars of Lebanon, which He hath planted ;
Where the birds make their nests :
As for the stork,
The fir trees are her house.
The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats ;
And the rocks for the conies.
He appointed the moon for seasons :
The sun knoweth its going down.

MAR. 4. JUNE 3. SEP. 2. DEC. 2.

Psalm cib.

THOU makest darkness,
And it is night :
Wherein all the beasts of the forest
Do creep forth.
The young lions roar after their prey,
And seek their meat from GOD.
The sun ariseth,
They gather themselves together,
And lay them down in their dens.
Man goeth forth
Unto his work and to his labour
Until the evening.
O LORD, how manifold are Thy works !
In wisdom hast Thou made them all :
The earth is full of Thy riches.
So is this great and wide sea,
Wherein are things creeping innumerable,
Both small and great beasts.
There go the ships :
There is that leviathan,
Whom Thou hast made to play therein.
These wait all upon Thee ;

That Thou mayest give them their meat
In due season.
That thou givest them
They gather :
Thou openest Thy hand,
They are filled with good.
Thou hidest Thy face,
They are troubled :
Thou takest away their breath,
They die,
And return to their dust.
Thou sendest forth Thy spirit,
They are created :
And Thou renewest the face of the earth.
The glory of THE LORD shall endure for ever :
THE LORD shall rejoice in His works.
He looketh on the earth,
And it trembleth :
He toucheth the hills,
And they smoke.
I will sing unto THE LORD
As long as I live :
I will sing praise to my GOD
While I have my being.
My meditation of Him shall be sweet :
I will be glad in THE LORD.
Bless thou THE LORD, O my soul.
Praise ye THE LORD.

MAR. 5. JUNE 4. SEP. 3. DEC. 3.

Psalm cv.

O GIVE thanks unto THE LORD;
Call upon His name:
Make known His deeds among the people.
Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him;
Talk ye of all His wondrous works.
Glory ye in His holy name:
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek THE LORD.
Seek THE LORD, and His strength:
Seek His face evermore.
Remember
His marvellous works that He hath done;
His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth;
O ye seed of Abraham His servant,
Ye children of Jacob His chosen.
He is THE LORD our GOD:
His judgments are in all the earth.
He hath remembered His covenant for ever,
The word which He commanded
To a thousand generations.
Which covenant He made with Abraham,
And His oath unto Isaac;
And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law,
And to Israel for an everlasting covenant:

Saying,
Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,
The lot of your inheritance:
When they were but a few men in number;
Yea, very few, and strangers in it.
When they went from one nation to another,
From one kingdom to another people;
He suffered no man to do them wrong:
Yea, He reproved kings for their sakes;
Saying,
Touch not Mine anointed,
And do My prophets no harm.
Moreover,
He called for a famine upon the land;
He brake the whole staff of bread.
He sent a man before them,
Even Joseph,
Who was sold for a servant:
Whose feet they hurt with fetters:
He was laid in iron:
Until the time that His word came:
The word of THE LORD tried him.
The king sent and loosed him;
Even the ruler of the people, and let him go free.
He made him lord of his house,
And ruler of all his substance:
To bind his princes at his pleasure;
And teach his senators wisdom.

MAR. 6. JUNE 5. SEP. 4. DEC. 4.

Psalm cv.

ISRAEL also came into Egypt;
And Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
And He increased His people greatly;
And made them stronger than their enemies.
He turned their heart to hate His people,
To deal subtly with His servants.
He sent Moses His servant;
And Aaron whom He had chosen.
They shewed His signs among them,
And wonders in the land of Ham.
He sent darkness, and made it dark;
And they rebelled not against His word.
He turned their waters into blood,
And slew their fish.
Their land brought forth frogs in abundance,
In the chambers of their kings.
He spake,
And there came divers sorts of flies,
And lice in all their coasts.
He gave them hail for rain,
And flaming fire in their land.
He smote their vines also,
And their fig trees;
And brake the trees of their coasts.

He spake,
And the locusts came,
And caterpillars, and that without number,
And did eat up all the herbs in their land,
And devoured the fruit of their ground.
He smote also all the firstborn in their land,
The chief of all their strength.
He brought them forth also with silver and gold:
And there was not one feeble person
Among their tribes.
Egypt was glad when they departed:
For the fear of them fell upon them.
He spread a cloud for a covering;
And fire to give light in the night.
The people asked,
And He brought quails,
And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out;
They ran in the dry places like a river.
For He remembered His holy promise,
And Abraham His servant.
And He brought forth His people with joy,
And His chosen with gladness:
And gave them the lands of the heathen:
And they inherited the labour of the people;
That they might observe His statutes,
And keep His laws.
Praise ye THE LORD.

MAR. 7. JUNE 6. SEP. 5. DEC. 5.

Psalm cvi.

PRAISE ye THE LORD.
O give thanks unto THE LORD;
For He is good:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
Who can utter the mighty acts of THE LORD?
Who can shew forth all His praise?
Blessed are they that keep judgment,
And he that doeth righteousness at all times.
Remember me, O LORD,
With the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy people:
O visit me with Thy salvation;
That I may see the good of Thy chosen,
That I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation,
That I may glory with Thine inheritance.
We have sinned with our fathers,
We have committed iniquity,
We have done wickedly.
Our fathers understood not Thy wonders in Egypt;
They remembered not the multitude of Thy mercies;
But provoked Him at the sea, even at the Red sea.
Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake,
That He might make His mighty power to be known.
He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up,

So He led them through the depths,
As through the wilderness.
And He saved them
From the hand of him that hated them,
And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
And the waters covered their enemies:
There was not one of them left.
Then believed they His words; they sang His praise.
They soon forgat His works;
They waited not for His counsel:
Many times did He deliver them;
But they provoked Him with their counsel,
And were brought low for their iniquity.
Nevertheless He regarded their affliction,
When He heard their cry:
And He remembered for them His covenant,
And repented
According to the multitude of His mercies.
He made them also to be pitied
Of all those that carried them captives.
Save us, O LORD our GOD,
And gather us from among the heathen,
To give thanks unto Thy holy name,
And to triumph in Thy praise.
Blessed be THE LORD GOD of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting:
And let all the people say, Amen.
Praise ye THE LORD.

MAR. 8. JUNE 7. SEP. 6. DEC. 6.

Psalm cvii.

O GIVE thanks unto THE LORD, for He is good :
For His mercy endureth for ever.
Let the redeemed of THE LORD say so,
Whom He hath redeemed
From the hand of the enemy ;
And gathered them out of the lands,
From the east, and from the west,
From the north, and from the south.
They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way ;
They found no city to dwell in.
Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.
Then they cried unto THE LORD in their trouble,
And He delivered them out of their distresses.
And He led them forth by the right way,
That they might go to a city of habitation.
Oh that men would praise THE LORD
For His goodness, and for His wonderful works
To the children of men !
For He satisfieth the longing soul ;
And filleth the hungry soul with goodness.
Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
Being bound in affliction and iron ;
Because they rebelled against the words of GOD,

And contemned the counsel of the MOST HIGH:
Therefore He brought down their heart with labour;
They fell down, and there was none to help.
Then they cried unto THE LORD in their trouble,
And He saved them out of their distresses.
He brought them out of darkness
And the shadow of death,
And brake their bands in sunder.
Oh that men would praise THE LORD
For His goodness, and for His wonderful works
To the children of men!
For He hath broken the gates of brass,
And cut the bars of iron in sunder.
Fools because of their transgression,
And because of their iniquities,
Are afflicted.
Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat;
And they draw near unto the gates of death.
Then they cry unto THE LORD in their trouble,
And He saveth them out of their distresses.
He sent His word, and healed them,
And delivered them from their destructions.
Oh that men would praise THE LORD
For His goodness, and for His wonderful works
To the children of men!
And let them sacrifice
The sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And declare His works with rejoicing.

MAR. 9. JUNE 8. SEP. 7. DEC. 7.

Psalm cvii.

THEY that go down to the sea in ships,
That do business in great waters;
These see the works of THE LORD,
And His wonders in the deep.
For He commandeth,
And raiseth the stormy wind,
Which lifteth up the waves thereof.
They mount up to the heaven,
They go down again to the depths:
Their soul is melted because of trouble.
They reel to and fro,
And stagger like a drunken man,
And are at their wit's end.
Then they cry unto THE LORD in their trouble,
And He bringeth them out of their distresses.
He maketh the storm a calm,
So that the waves thereof are still.
Then are they glad because they are quiet;
So He bringeth them unto their desired haven.
Oh that men would praise THE LORD
For His goodness, and for His wonderful works
To the children of men!

Let them exalt Him also
In the congregation of the people,
And praise Him in the assembly of the elders.
He turneth rivers into a wilderness,
And the watersprings into dry ground,
A fruitful land into barrenness,
For the wickedness of them that dwell therein.
He turneth the wilderness into a standing water,
And dry ground into watersprings.
And there He maketh the hungry to dwell,
That they may prepare a city for habitation ;
And sow the fields, and plant vineyards,
Which may yield fruits of increase.
He blesseth them also,
So that they are multiplied greatly ;
And suffereth not their cattle to decrease.
Again, they are minished and brought low
Through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.
He poureth contempt upon princes,
And causeth them to wander in the wilderness,
Where there is no way.
Yet setteth He the poor on high from affliction,
And maketh him families like a flock.
The righteous shall see it, and rejoice :
And all iniquity shall stop her mouth.
Whoso is wise, and will observe these things,
Even they
Shall understand the lovingkindness of THE LORD.

MAR. 10. JUNE 9. SEP. 8. DEC. 8.

Psalms cix. cxi.

HOLD not Thy peace, O GOD of my praise;
For the mouth of the wicked
And the mouth of the deceitful
Are opened against me:
They have spoken against me with a lying tongue.
They compassed me about also with words of hatred;
And fought against me without a cause.
For my love they are my adversaries:
But I give myself unto prayer.
And they have rewarded me evil for good,
And hatred for my love.
But do Thou for me, O GOD THE LORD,
For Thy name's sake:
Because Thy mercy is good, deliver Thou me.
For I am poor and needy,
And my heart is wounded within me.
Help me, O LORD my GOD:
O save me according to Thy mercy:
That they may know that this is Thy hand;
That Thou, LORD, hast done it.
Let them curse, but bless Thou:
When they arise, let them be ashamed;
But let Thy servant rejoice.

I will greatly praise THE LORD with my mouth :
Yea, I will praise Him among the multitude.
For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor,
To save him from those that condemn his soul.
Praise ye THE LORD.
I will praise THE LORD with my whole heart,
In the assembly of the upright,
And in the congregation.
The works of THE LORD are great,
Sought out by all them that have pleasure therein.
His work is honourable and glorious :
And His righteousness endureth for ever.
He hath made His wonderful works to be remembered :
THE LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
He hath given meat unto them that fear Him :
He will ever be mindful of His covenant.
He hath showed His people the power of His works.
The works of His hands are verity and judgment;
All His commandments are sure.
They stand fast for ever and ever,
And are done in truth and uprightness.
He sent redemption unto His people :
He hath commanded His covenant for ever :
Holy and reverend is His name.
The fear of THE LORD is the beginning of wisdom :
A good understanding
Have all they that do His commandments :
His praise endureth for ever.

MAR. 11. JUNE 10. SEP. 9. DEC. 9.

Psalms cxii. cxiii.

PRAISE ye THE LORD.
Blessed is the man that feareth THE LORD,
That delighteth greatly in His commandments.
His seed shall be mighty upon earth :
The generation of the upright shall be blessed.
Wealth and riches shall be in his house :
And his righteousness endureth for ever.
Unto the upright
There ariseth light in the darkness :
He is gracious,
And full of compassion,
And righteous.
A good man sheweth favour,
And lendeth :
He will guide his affairs with discretion.
Surely he shall not be moved for ever :
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.
He shall not be afraid of evil tidings :
His heart is fixed, trusting in THE LORD.
His heart is established,
He shall not be afraid,
He shall see his desire upon his enemies.

He hath dispersed,
He hath given to the poor;
His righteousness endureth for ever;
His horn shall be exalted with honour;
But the desire of the wicked shall perish.
Praise ye THE LORD.
Praise, O ye servants of THE LORD,
Praise the name of THE LORD.
Blessed be the name of THE LORD
From this time forth and for evermore.
From the rising of the sun
Unto the going down of the same
THE LORD'S name is to be praised.
THE LORD is high above all nations,
And His glory above the heavens.
Who is like unto THE LORD our GOD,
Who dwelleth on high,
Who humbleth Himself
To behold the things that are in Heaven,
And in the earth!
He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,
And lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;
That He may set him with princes,
Even with the princes of His people.
He maketh the barren woman to keep house,
And to be a joyful mother of children.
Praise ye THE LORD.

MAR. 12. JUNE 11. SEP. 10. DEC. 10.

Psalm cxb.

NOT unto us, O LORD,
Not unto us,
But unto Thy name give glory,
For Thy mercy,
And for Thy truth's sake.
Wherefore should the heathen say,
Where is now their GOD?
But our GOD is in the Heavens:
He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased.
Their idols are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
They have mouths,
But they speak not:
Eyes have they,
But they see not:
They have ears,
But they hear not:
Noses have they,
But they smell not:
They have hands,
But they handle not:
Feet have they,
But they walk not:

Neither speak they through their throat.
They that make them are like unto them;
So is every one that trusteth in them.
O Israel, trust ye in THE LORD:
He is your help and your shield.
O house of Aaron, trust in THE LORD:
He is your help and your shield.
Ye that fear THE LORD, trust in THE LORD:
He is your help and your shield.
THE LORD hath been mindful of us:
He will bless us:
He will bless the house of Israel;
He will bless the house of Aaron.
He will bless them that fear THE LORD,
Both small and great.
THE LORD shall increase you more and more,
You and your children.
Ye are blessed of THE LORD
Who made heaven and earth.
The Heaven,
Even the Heavens,
Are THE LORD'S:
But the earth hath He given to the children of men.
The dead praise not THE LORD,
Neither any that go down into silence.
But we will bless THE LORD
From this time forth and for evermore.
Praise THE LORD.

MAR. 13. JUNE 12. SEP. 11. DEC. 11.

Psalms cxvi. cxvii.

I LOVE THE LORD,
Because He hath heard my voice
And my supplications.
Because He hath inclined His ear unto me,
Therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.
The sorrows of death compassed me,
And the pains of hell gat hold upon me:
I found trouble and sorrow.
Then called I upon the name of THE LORD;
O LORD, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul.
Gracious is THE LORD, and righteous;
Yea, our GOD is merciful.
THE LORD preserveth the simple:
I was brought low,
And He helped me.
Return unto thy rest, O my soul;
For THE LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.
For Thou hast delivered my soul from death,
Mine eyes from tears,
And my feet from falling.
I will walk before THE LORD
In the land of the living.

I believed,
Therefore have I spoken :
I was greatly afflicted :
I said in my haste,
All men are liars.
What shall I render unto THE LORD
For all His benefits toward me ?
I will take the cup of salvation,
And call upon the name of THE LORD.
I will pay my vows unto THE LORD
Now in the presence of all His people.
Precious in the sight of THE LORD
Is the death of His saints.
O LORD, truly I am Thy servant ;
I am Thy servant, and the son of Thy handmaid :
Thou hast loosed my bonds.
I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And will call upon the name of THE LORD.
I will pay my vows unto THE LORD
Now in the presence of all His people.
In the courts of THE LORD'S house,
In the midst of thee, O Jerusalem :
Praise ye THE LORD.
O praise THE LORD, all ye nations :
Praise Him, all ye people.
For His merciful kindness is great toward us :
And the truth of THE LORD endureth for ever.
Praise ye THE LORD.

MAR. 14. JUNE 13. SEP. 12. DEC. 12.

Psalm cxviii.

O GIVE thanks unto THE LORD; for He is good:
Because His mercy endureth for ever.
Let Israel now say,
That His mercy endureth for ever.
Let the house of Aaron now say,
That His mercy endureth for ever.
Let them now that fear THE LORD say,
That His mercy endureth for ever.
I called upon THE LORD in distress;
THE LORD answered me, and set me in a large place.
THE LORD is on my side; I will not fear:
What can man do unto me?
THE LORD taketh my part with them that help me:
Therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.
It is better to trust in THE LORD
Than to put confidence in man.
It is better to trust in THE LORD
Than to put confidence in princes.
Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall:
But THE LORD helped me.
THE LORD is my strength and song,
And is become my salvation.
The voice of rejoicing and salvation

Is in the tabernacles of the righteous:
The right hand of THE LORD doeth valiantly.
The right hand of THE LORD is exalted.
I shall not die,
But live, and declare the works of THE LORD.
THE LORD hath chastened me sore:
But He hath not given me over unto death.
Open to me the gates of righteousness:
I will go into them, and I will praise THE LORD:
I will praise Thee,
For Thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.
The stone which the builders refused
Is become the head stone of the corner.
This is THE LORD's doing;
It is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day which THE LORD hath made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Save now, I beseech Thee, O LORD:
O LORD, I beseech Thee, send now prosperity.
Blessed be he that cometh in the name of THE LORD.
We have blessed you out of the house of THE LORD.
GOD is THE LORD, who hath shewed us light:
Bind the sacrifice with cords,
Even unto the horns of the altar.
Thou art my GOD, and I will praise Thee:
Thou art my GOD, I will exalt Thee.
O give thanks unto THE LORD; for He is good:
For His mercy endureth for ever.

MAR. 15. JUNE 14. SEP. 13. DEC. 13.

Psalm cxix.

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way,
Who walk in the law of THE LORD.
Blessed are they that keep His testimonies,
And that seek Him
With the whole heart.
They also do no iniquity:
They walk in His ways.
Thou hast commanded us
To keep Thy precepts diligently.
O that my ways were directed
To keep Thy statutes!
Then shall I not be ashamed,
When I have respect unto all Thy commandments.
I will praise Thee
With uprightness of heart,
When I shall have learned Thy righteous judgments.
I will keep Thy statutes:
O forsake me not utterly.
Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed thereto
According to Thy word.
With my whole heart have I sought Thee:
O let me not wander from Thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in my heart,
That I might not sin against Thee.
Blessed art Thou, O LORD: teach me Thy statutes.
With my lips
Have I declared all the judgments of Thy mouth.
I have rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies,
As much as in all riches.
I will meditate in Thy precepts,
And have respect unto Thy ways.
I will delight myself in Thy statutes:
I will not forget Thy word.
Deal bountifully with Thy servant,
That I may live, and keep Thy word.
Open Thou mine eyes,
That I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.
I am a stranger in the earth:
Hide not Thy commandments from me.
My soul breaketh
For the longing that it hath unto Thy judgments
At all times.
Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed,
Which do err from Thy commandments,
Remove from me reproach and contempt;
For I have kept Thy testimonies.
Princes also did sit and speak against me:
But Thy servant did meditate in Thy statutes.
Thy testimonies also are my delight
And my counsellors.

MAR. 16. JUNE 15. SEP. 14. DEC. 14.

Psalm cxix.

My soul cleaveth unto the dust,
Quicken Thou me according to Thy word.
I have declared my ways,
And Thou heardest me :
Teach me Thy statutes.
Make me to understand the way of Thy precepts :
So shall I talk of Thy wondrous works.
My soul melteth for heaviness :
Strengthen Thou me
According unto Thy word.
Remove from me the way of lying :
And grant me Thy law graciously.
I have chosen the way of truth :
Thy judgments have I laid before me.
I have stuck unto Thy testimonies :
O LORD, put me not to shame.
I will run the way of Thy commandments,
When Thou shalt enlarge my heart.
Teach me, O LORD, the way of Thy statutes ;
And I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding,
And I shall keep Thy law ;

Yea, I shall observe it
With my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments;
For therein do I delight.
Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies,
And not to covetousness.
Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity;
And quicken Thou me in Thy way.
Stablish Thy word unto Thy servant,
Who is devoted to Thy fear.
Turn away my reproach which I fear:
For Thy judgments are good.
Behold, I have longed after Thy precepts:
Quicken me in Thy righteousness.
Let Thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD,
Even Thy salvation,
According to Thy word.
So shall I have wherewith
To answer him that reproacheth me:
For I trust in Thy word.
And take not the word of truth
Utterly out of my mouth;
For I have hoped in Thy judgments:
So shall I keep Thy law continually
For ever and ever.
And I will walk at liberty:
For I seek Thy precepts.

MAR. 17. JUNE 16. SEP. 15. DEC. 15.

Psalm cxix.

I WILL speak of Thy testimonies
Also before kings,
And will not be ashamed.
And I will delight myself
In Thy commandments, which I have loved.
My hands also will I lift up
Unto Thy commandments, which I have loved;
And I will meditate in Thy statutes.
Remember the word unto Thy servant,
Upon which Thou hast caused me to hope.
This is my comfort in my affliction:
For Thy word hath quickened me.
The proud have had me greatly in derision:
Yet have I not declined from Thy law.
I remembered Thy judgments of old, O LORD;
And have comforted myself.
Horror hath taken hold upon me
Because of the wicked
That forsake Thy law.
Thy statutes have been my songs
In the house of my pilgrimage.
I have remembered Thy name, O LORD,

In the night,
And have kept Thy law.
This I had, because I kept Thy precepts.
Thou art my portion, O LORD :
I have said that I would keep Thy words.
I entreated Thy favour
With my whole heart :
Be merciful unto me
According to Thy word.
I thought on my ways,
And turned my feet unto Thy testimonies.
I made haste,
And delayed not to keep Thy commandments.
The bands of the wicked have robbed me :
But I have not forgotten Thy law.
At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee
Because of Thy righteous judgments.
I am a companion of all them that fear Thee,
And of them that keep Thy precepts.
The earth, O LORD, is full of Thy mercy :
Teach me Thy statutes.
Thou hast dealt well with Thy servant, O LORD,
According unto Thy word.
Teach me good judgment and knowledge :
For I have believed Thy commandments.
Before I was afflicted
I went astray :
But now have I kept Thy word.

MAR. 18. JUNE 17. SEP. 16. DEC. 16.

Psalm cxix.

THOU art good,
And doest good;
Teach me Thy statutes.
The proud have forged a lie against me:
But I will keep Thy precepts
With my whole heart.
It is good for me that I have been afflicted;
That I might learn Thy statutes.
The law of Thy mouth
Is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.
Thy hands have made me and fashioned me:
Give me understanding,
That I may learn Thy commandments.
They that fear Thee
Will be glad when they see me;
Because I have hoped in Thy word.
I know, O LORD, that Thy judgments are right,
And that Thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.
Let, I pray Thee, Thy merciful kindness
Be for my comfort,
According to Thy word unto Thy servant.
Let Thy tender mercies come unto me,

That I may live:
For Thy law is my delight.
Let the proud be ashamed;
For they dealt perversely with me without a cause:
But I will meditate in Thy precepts.
Let those that fear Thee
Turn unto me,
And those that have known Thy testimonies.
Let my heart be sound in thy statutes;
That I be not ashamed.
My soul fainteth for Thy salvation:
But I hope in Thy word.
Mine eyes fail for Thy word, saying,
When wilt Thou comfort me?
For I am become like a bottle in the smoke;
Yet do I not forget Thy statutes.
How many are the days of Thy servant?
The proud have digged pits for me,
Which are not after Thy law.
All Thy commandments are faithful:
They persecute me wrongfully;
Help Thou me.
They had almost consumed me upon earth;
But I forsook not Thy precepts.
Quicken me after Thy lovingkindness;
So shall I keep the testimony of Thy mouth.

MAR. 19. JUNE 18. SEP. 17. DEC. 17.

Psalm cxix.

FOR ever, O LORD,
Thy word is settled in Heaven.
Thy faithfulness is unto all generations :
Thou hast established the earth,
And it abideth.
They continue this day
According to Thine ordinances :
For all are Thy servants.
Unless Thy law had been my delights,
I should then have perished in mine affliction.
I will never forget Thy precepts :
For with them Thou hast quickened me.
I am Thine, save me ;
For I have sought Thy precepts.
The wicked have waited for me to destroy me :
But I will consider Thy testimonies.
I have seen an end of all perfection :
But Thy commandment is exceeding broad.
O how love I Thy law !
It is my meditation all the day.
Thou through Thy commandments
Hast made me wiser than mine enemies :
For they are ever with me.

I have more understanding
Than all my teachers:
For Thy testimonies are my meditation.
I understand more than the ancients,
Because I keep Thy precepts.
I have refrained my feet from every evil way,
That I might keep Thy word.
I have not departed from Thy judgments:
For Thou hast taught me.
How sweet are Thy words unto my taste!
Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Through Thy precepts I get understanding:
Therefore I hate every false way.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path.
I have sworn,
And I will perform it,
That I will keep Thy righteous judgments.
I am afflicted very much:
Quicken me, O LORD,
According unto Thy word.
Accept, I beseech Thee,
The freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD,
And teach me Thy judgments.
My soul is continually in my hand:
Yet do I not forget Thy law.
The wicked have laid a snare for me:
Yet I erred not from Thy precepts.

MAR. 20. JUNE 19. SEP. 18. DEC. 18.

Psalm cxix.

THY testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever :
For they are the rejoicing of my heart.
I have inclined my heart
To perform Thy statutes alway,
Even unto the end.
I hate vain thoughts :
But Thy law do I love.
Thou art my hiding place and my shield :
I hope in Thy word.
Depart from me, ye evildoers :
For I will keep the commandments of my GOD.
Uphold me
According unto Thy word,
That I may live :
And let me not be ashamed of my hope.
Hold Thou me up,
And I shall be safe :
And I will have respect unto Thy statutes continually.
Thou hast trodden down all them
That err from Thy statutes :
For their deceit is falsehood.
Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth
Like dross :

Therefore I love Thy testimonies.
My flesh trembleth for fear of Thee;
And I am afraid of Thy judgments.
I have done judgment and justice:
Leave me not to mine oppressors.
Be surety for Thy servant for good:
Let not the proud oppress me.
Mine eyes fail for Thy salvation,
And for the word of Thy righteousness.
Deal with Thy servant
According unto Thy mercy,
And teach me Thy statutes.
I am Thy servant;
Give me understanding,
That I may know Thy testimonies.
It is time for Thee, LORD, to work:
For they have made void Thy law.
Therefore I love Thy commandments above gold;
Yea, above fine gold.
Therefore I esteem all Thy precepts
Concerning all things
To be right;
And I hate every false way.
Thy testimonies are wonderful:
Therefore doth my soul keep them.
The entrance of Thy words giveth light;
It giveth understanding unto the simple.

MAR. 21. JUNE 20. SEP. 19. DEC. 19.

Psalm cxix.

I OPENED my mouth, and panted :
For I longed for Thy commandments.
Look Thou upon me,
And be merciful unto me,
As Thou usest to do unto those that love Thy name.
Order my steps in Thy word :
And let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
Deliver me from the oppression of man :
So will I keep Thy precepts.
Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant ;
And teach me Thy statutes.
Rivers of waters run down mine eyes,
Because they keep not Thy law.
Righteous art Thou, O LORD,
And upright are Thy judgments.
Thy testimonies that Thou hast commanded
Are righteous and very faithful.
My zeal hath consumed me,
Because mine enemies have forgotten Thy words.
Thy word is very pure :
Therefore Thy servant loveth it.

I am small and despised :
Yet do not I forget Thy precepts.
Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And Thy law is the truth.
Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me :
Yet Thy commandments are my delights.
The righteousness of Thy testimonies
Is everlasting :
Give me understanding, and I shall live.
I cried with my whole heart ;
Hear me, O LORD :
I will keep Thy statutes.
I cried unto Thee ;
Save me, and I shall keep Thy testimonies.
I anticipated the dawning of the morning, and cried :
I hoped in Thy word.
Mine eyes anticipate the night watches,
That I may meditate in Thy word.
Hear my voice
According unto Thy lovingkindness :
O LORD, quicken me according to Thy judgment.
They draw nigh that follow after mischief :
They are far from Thy law.
Thou art near, O LORD ;
And all Thy commandments are truth.
Concerning Thy testimonies,
I have known of old
That Thou hast founded them for ever.

MAR. 22. JUNE 21. SEP. 20. DEC. 20.

Psalm cxix.

CONSIDER mine affliction, and deliver me :
For I do not forget Thy law.
Plead my cause, and deliver me :
Quicken me, according to Thy word.
Salvation is far from the wicked :
For they seek not Thy statutes.
Great are Thy tender mercies, O LORD :
Quicken me according to Thy judgments,
Many are my persecutors and mine enemies ;
Yet do I not decline from Thy testimonies.
I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved ;
Because they kept not Thy word.
Consider how I love Thy precepts :
Quicken me, O LORD,
According to Thy lovingkindness.
Thy word is true from the beginning :
And every one of Thy righteous judgments
Endureth for ever.
Princes have persecuted me without a cause :
But my heart standeth in awe of Thy word.
I rejoice at Thy word,
As one that findeth great spoil.
I hate and abhor lying :

But Thy law do I love.
Seven times a day do I praise Thee
Because of Thy righteous judgments.
Great peace have they which love Thy law:
And nothing shall offend them.
LORD, I have hoped for Thy salvation,
And done Thy commandments.
My soul hath kept Thy testimonies;
And I love them exceedingly.
I have kept Thy precepts and Thy testimonies:
For all my ways are before Thee.
Let my cry come near before Thee, O LORD:
Give me understanding according to Thy word.
Let my supplication come before Thee:
Deliver me according to Thy word.
My lips shall utter praise,
When Thou hast taught me Thy statutes.
My tongue shall speak of Thy word:
For all Thy commandments are righteousness.
Let Thy hand help me;
For I have chosen Thy precepts.
I have longed for Thy salvation, O LORD;
And Thy law is my delight.
Let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee;
And let Thy judgments help me.
I have gone astray like a lost sheep;
Seek Thy servant;
For I do not forget Thy commandments.

MAR. 23. JUNE 22. SEP. 21. DEC. 21.

Psalms cxxi. cxxiii. cxxiv.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
Whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from THE LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee
Will not slumber.
Behold,
He that keepeth Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.
THE LORD is thy keeper:
THE LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day,
Nor the moon by night.
THE LORD shall preserve thee from all evil:
He shall preserve thy soul.
THE LORD shall preserve thy going out
And thy coming in
From this time forth, and even for evermore.
Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes,
O Thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Behold,
As the eyes of servants
Look unto the hand of their masters,
And as the eyes of a maiden
Unto the hand of her mistress;
So our eyes wait upon THE LORD our GOD,
Until that He have mercy upon us.
Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us:
For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.
Our soul is exceedingly filled
With the scorning of those that are at ease,
And with the contempt of the proud.
If it had not been THE LORD who was on our side,
Now may Israel say;
If it had not been THE LORD who was on our side,
When men rose up against us:
Then they had swallowed us up quickly,
When their wrath was kindled against us:
Then the waters had overwhelmed us,
The stream had gone over our soul:
Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.
Blessed be THE LORD,
Who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.
Our soul is escaped
As a bird out of the snare of the fowlers:
The snare is broken, and we are escaped.
Our help is in the name of THE LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

MAR. 24. JUNE 23. SEP. 22. DEC. 22.

Psalms cxxv. cxxvi. cxxvii.

THEY that trust in THE LORD
Shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed,
But abideth for ever.
As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,
So THE LORD is round about His people
From henceforth even for ever.
For the rod of the wicked
Shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous;
Lest the righteous put forth their hands
Unto iniquity.
Do good, O LORD, unto those that are good,
And to those that are upright in their hearts.
As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways,
THE LORD shall lead them forth
With the workers of iniquity:
But peace shall be upon Israel.
When THE LORD turned again
The captivity of Zion,
We were like them that dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
And our tongue with singing:

Then said they among the heathen,
THE LORD hath done great things for them.
THE LORD hath done great things for us;
Whereof we are glad.
Turn again our captivity, O LORD,
As the streams in the south.
They that sow in tears
Shall reap in joy.
He that goeth forth and weepeth,
Bearing precious seed,
Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,
Bringing his sheaves with him.
Except THE LORD build the house,
They labour in vain that build it:
Except THE LORD keep the city,
The watchman waketh but in vain.
It is vain for you to rise up early,
To sit up late,
To eat the bread of sorrows:
For so He giveth His beloved sleep.
Lo, children are an heritage of THE LORD:
And the fruit of the womb is His reward.
As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man;
So are children of the youth.
Happy is the man
That hath his quiver full of them:
They shall not be ashamed,
But they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

MAR. 25. JUNE 24. SEP. 23. DEC. 23.

Psalms cxxviii. cxxx. cxxxi.

BLESSED is every one
That feareth THE LORD;
That walketh in His ways.
For thou shalt eat the labour of thy hands:
Happy shalt thou be,
And it shall be well with thee.
Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine
By the sides of thy house:
Thy children like olive plants
Round about thy table.
Behold,
That thus shall the man be blessed
That feareth THE LORD.
THE LORD shall bless thee out of Zion:
And thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem
All the days of thy life.
Yea,
Thou shalt see thy children's children,
And peace upon Israel.
Out of the depths
Have I cried unto Thee,
O LORD.

Breathed to God.

LORD, hear my voice:
Let Thine ears be attentive
To the voice of my supplications.
If Thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities,
O LORD, who shall stand?
But there is forgiveness with Thee,
That Thou mayest be feared.
I wait for THE LORD, my soul doth wait,
And in His word do I hope.
My soul waiteth for THE LORD
More than they that watch for the morning:
I say,
More than they that watch for the morning.
Let Israel hope in THE LORD:
For with THE LORD there is mercy,
And with Him is plenteous redemption:
And He shall redeem Israel
From all his iniquities.
LORD, my heart is not haughty,
Nor are mine eyes lofty:
Neither do I exercise myself in great matters,
Or in things too high for me.
Surely
I have behaved and quieted myself,
As a child that is weaned of his mother:
My soul is even as a weaned child.
Let Israel hope in THE LORD
From henceforth and for ever.

MAR. 26. JUNE 25. SEP. 24. DEC. 24.

Psalm cxxxvi.

O GIVE thanks unto THE LORD;
For He is good:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
O give thanks unto the God of gods:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
O give thanks to THE LORD of lords:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
To Him who alone doeth great wonders:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
To Him who by wisdom made the heavens:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
To Him who stretched out the earth
Above the waters:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
To Him who made great lights:
For His mercy endureth for ever:
The sun to rule by day:
For His mercy endureth for ever:
The moon and stars to rule by night:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
To Him who smote Egypt in their firstborn:
For His mercy endureth for ever:
And brought Israel out from among them:

For His mercy endureth for ever:
With a strong hand,
And with a stretched out arm:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
To Him who divided the Red sea into parts:
For His mercy endureth for ever:
And made Israel to pass through the midst of it:
For His mercy endureth for ever:
But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
To Him who led His people through the wilderness:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
To Him who smote great kings:
For His mercy endureth for ever:
And slew famous kings:
For His mercy endureth for ever:
And gave their land for an heritage:
For His mercy endureth for ever:
Even an heritage unto Israel His servant:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
Who remembered us in our low estate:
For His mercy endureth for ever:
And hath redeemed us from our enemies:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
Who giveth food to all flesh:
For His mercy endureth for ever.
O give thanks unto the God of Heaven:
For His mercy endureth for ever.

MAR. 27. JUNE 26. SEP. 25. DEC. 25.

Psalms cxxxvii. cxxxviii.

BY the rivers of Babylon,
There we sat down,
Yea, we wept,
When we remembered Zion.
We hanged our harps upon the willows
In the midst thereof.
For there they that carried us away captive
Required of us a song;
And they that wasted us
Required of us mirth,
Saying,
Sing us one of the songs of Zion.
How shall we sing THE LORD'S song
In a strange land?
If I forget thee,
O Jerusalem,
Let my right hand forget her cunning.
If I do not remember thee,
Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth;
If I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

Breathed to God.

I will praise Thee, O LORD, with my whole heart:
Before the gods
Will I sing praise unto Thee.
I will worship toward Thy holy temple,
And praise Thy name
For Thy lovingkindness and for Thy truth:
For Thou hast magnified Thy word
Above all Thy name.
In the day when I cried Thou answeredst me,
And strengthenedst me
With strength in my soul.
All the kings of the earth
Shall praise Thee, O LORD,
When they hear the words of Thy mouth.
Yea, they shall sing in the ways of THE LORD:
For great is the glory of THE LORD.
Though THE LORD is high,
Yet hath He respect unto the lowly:
But the proud He knoweth
Afar off.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
Thou wilt revive me:
Thou shalt stretch forth Thy hand
Against the wrath of mine enemies,
And Thy right hand shall save me.
THE LORD will perfect that which concerneth me:
Thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever:
Forsake not the works of Thine own hands.

MAR. 28. JUNE 27. SEP. 26. DEC. 26.

Psalm cxxxix.

O LORD, Thou hast searched me,
And known me.
Thou knowest my downsitting
And mine uprising,
Thou understandest my thought afar off.
Thou compassest my path
And my lying down,
And art acquainted with all my ways.
For there is not a word in my tongue,
But lo, O LORD, Thou knowest it altogether.
Thou hast beset me behind and before,
And laid Thy hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
It is high, I cannot attain unto it.
Whither shall I go from Thy spirit?
Or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?
If I ascend up into Heaven,
Thou art there:
If I make my bed in hell,
Behold, Thou art there.
If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
Even there shall Thy hand lead me,

And Thy right hand shall hold me.
If I say,
Surely the darkness shall cover me;
Even the night shall be light about me;
Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee:
But the night shineth as the day:
The darkness and the light
Are both alike to Thee.
For Thou hast possessed my reins:
Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
I will praise Thee;
For I am fearfully and wonderfully made:
Marvellous are Thy works;
And that my soul knoweth right well.
Thine eyes did see my substance,
Yet being unperfect;
And in Thy book all my members were written,
Which in continuance were fashioned,
When as yet there was none of them.
How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me,
O God! hôw great is the sum of them!
If I would count them,
They are more in number than the sand:
When I awake, I am still with Thee.
Search me, O God, and know my heart:
Try me, and know my thoughts:
And see whether there is any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

MAR. 29. JUNE 28. SEP. 27. DEC. 27.

Psalms cxl. cxli.

DELIVER me, O LORD, from the evil man:
Preserve me from the violent man;
Who imagine mischiefs in their heart;
Continually are they gathered together for war.
They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent;
Adders' poison is under their lips.
Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked;
Preserve me from the violent man;
Who have purposed to overthrow my goings.
The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords;
They have spread a net by the wayside;
They have set gins for me.
I said unto THE LORD, Thou art my GOD:
Hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.
O GOD THE LORD, the strength of my salvation,
Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.
I know that THE LORD
Will maintain the cause of the afflicted,
And the right of the poor.
Surely
The righteous shall give thanks unto Thy name:
The upright shall dwell in Thy presence.
LORD, I cry unto Thee:
Make haste unto me;

Give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto Thee.
Let my prayer be set forth before Thee
As incense;
And the lifting up of my hands
As the evening sacrifice.
Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth;
Keep the door of my lips.
Incline not my heart to any evil thing,
To practise wicked works
With men that work iniquity:
And let me not eat of their dainties.
Let the righteous smite me;
It shall be a kindness:
And let him reprove me;
It shall be an excellent oil,
Which shall not break my head:
For yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.
When their judges are overthrown in stony places,
They shall hear my words;
For they are sweet.
Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth,
As when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth.
But mine eyes are unto Thee,
O GOD THE LORD:
In Thee is my trust;
Leave not my soul destitute.
Keep me from the snares
Which they have laid for me,
And the gins of the workers of iniquity.

MAR. 30. JUNE 29. SEP. 28. DEC. 28.

Psalms cxlii. cxliii.

I CRIED unto THE LORD with my voice;
With my voice unto THE LORD
Did I make my supplication.
I poured out my complaint before Him;
I showed before Him my trouble.
When my spirit was overwhelmed within me,
Then Thou knewest my path.
In the way wherein I walked
Have they privily laid a snare for me.
I looked on my right hand and beheld,
But there was no man that would know me:
Refuge failed me, no man cared for my soul.
I cried unto Thee, O LORD:
I said, Thou art my refuge
And my portion in the land of the living.
Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low:
Deliver me from my persecutors;
For they are stronger than I.
Bring my soul out of prison,
That I may praise Thy name:
The righteous shall compass me about;
For Thou shalt deal bountifully with me.
Hear my prayer, O LORD,

Give ear to my supplications:
In Thy faithfulness answer me,
And in Thy righteousness.
And enter not into judgment with Thy servant:
For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.
For the enemy hath persecuted my soul;
He hath smitten my life down to the ground.
Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me;
My heart within me is desolate.
I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all Thy works;
I muse on the work of Thy hands.
I stretch forth my hands unto Thee:
My soul thirsteth after Thee,
As a thirsty land.
Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth:
Hide not Thy face from me,
Lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.
Cause me to hear Thy lovingkindness in the morning;
For in Thee do I trust:
Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk;
For I lift up my soul unto Thee.
Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies:
I flee unto Thee to hide me.
Teach me to do Thy will; for Thou art my GOD;
Thy spirit is good;
Lead me into the land of uprightness.
Quicken me, O LORD, for Thy name's sake:
For Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

MAR. 31. JUNE 30. SEP. 29. DEC. 29.

Psalm cxlv.

I WILL extol Thee, my GOD, O King,
And I will bless Thy name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless Thee;
And I will praise Thy name for ever and ever.
Great is THE LORD,
And greatly to be praised;
And His greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall praise Thy works to another,
And shall declare Thy mighty acts.
I will speak of the glorious honour
Of Thy majesty,
And of Thy wondrous works.
And men shall speak of the might
Of Thy terrible acts:
And I will declare Thy greatness.
They shall abundantly utter
The memory of Thy great goodness,
And shall sing of Thy righteousness.
THE LORD is gracious, and full of compassion;
Slow to anger, and of great mercy.
THE LORD is good to all:
And His tender mercies are over all His works.
All Thy works shall praise Thee, O LORD;

And Thy saints shall bless Thee.
They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom,
And talk of Thy power;
To make known to the sons of men
His mighty acts,
And the glorious majesty of His kingdom.
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And Thy dominion endureth
Throughout all generations.
THE LORD upholdeth all that fall,
And raiseth up all those that are bowed down.
The eyes of all wait upon Thee;
And Thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest Thy hand,
And satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
THE LORD is righteous in all His ways,
And holy in all His works.
THE LORD is nigh
Unto all them that call upon Him;
To all that call upon Him in truth.
He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him:
He also will hear their cry,
And will save them.
THE LORD preserveth all them that love Him:
But all the wicked will He destroy.
My mouth shall speak the praise of THE LORD:
And let all flesh bless His holy name
For ever and ever.

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Psalms cxlvi. cxlvii.

Praise ye The Lord.
Praise The Lord, O my soul.
While I live will I praise The Lord:
I will sing praises unto my God
While I have any being.
Put not your trust in princes,
Nor in any son of man, in whom there is no help.
His breath goeth forth,
He returneth to his earth;
In that very day his thoughts perish.
Happy is he
That hath the God of Jacob for his help,
Whose hope is in The Lord his God:
Who made heaven, and earth, the sea,
And all that therein is:
Who keepeth truth for ever:
Who executeth judgment for the oppressed:
Who giveth food to the hungry.
The Lord looseth the prisoners:
The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind:
The Lord raiseth them that are bowed down:
The Lord loveth the righteous:
The Lord preserveth the strangers:

He relieveth the fatherless and widow:
But the way of the wicked He turneth upside down.
THE LORD shall reign for ever,
Even thy GOD, O Zion,
Unto all generations.
Praise ye THE LORD.
Praise ye THE LORD:
For it is good to sing praises unto our GOD;
For it is pleasant; and praise is comely.
THE LORD doth build up Jerusalem:
He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.
He healeth the broken in heart,
And bindeth up their wounds.
He telleth the number of the stars;
He calleth them all by their names.
Great is our LORD, and of great power:
His understanding is infinite.
THE LORD lifteth up the meek:
He casteth the wicked down to the ground.
Sing unto THE LORD with thanksgiving;
Sing praise upon the harp unto our GOD:
Who covereth the heaven with clouds,
Who prepareth rain for the earth,
Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.
He giveth to the beast his food,
And to the young ravens which cry.
THE LORD taketh pleasure in those that fear Him,
In those that hope in His mercy.

Dec. 31.

Psalms cxlvii. cxlviii.

Praise The Lord, O Jerusalem,
Praise thy God, O Zion.
For He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates,
He hath blessed thy children within thee.
He maketh peace in thy borders,
And filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.
He sendeth forth His commandment upon earth:
His word runneth very swiftly.
He giveth snow like wool:
He scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.
He casteth forth His ice like morsels:
Who can stand before His cold?
He sendeth out His word, and melteth them:
He causeth His wind to blow, and the waters flow.
He showeth His word unto Jacob,
His statutes and His judgments unto Israel.
He hath not dealt so with any nation:
And as for His judgments, they have not known them.
Praise ye The Lord.
Praise ye The Lord from the heavens:
Praise Him in the heights.
Praise ye Him, all His angels:
Praise ye Him, all His hosts.

Praise ye Him, sun and moon :
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.
Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens,
And ye waters that are above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of THE LORD :
For He commanded, and they were created.
He hath also stablished them for ever and ever :
He hath made a decree which shall not pass.
Praise THE LORD from the earth,
Ye dragons, and all deeps :
Fire, and hail ; snow, and vapours ;
Stormy wind fulfilling His word :
Mountains, and all hills ;
Fruitful trees, and all cedars ;
Beasts, and all cattle ;
Creeping things, and flying fowl :
Kings of the earth, and all people ;
Princes, and all judges of the earth :
Both young men, and maidens ;
Old men, and children :
Let them praise the name of THE LORD :
For His name alone is excellent :
His glory is above the earth and heaven.
He also exalteth the horn of His people,
The praise of all His saints ;
Even of the children of Israel,
A people near unto Him.
Praise ye THE LORD.

FEB. 29 (LEAP YEAR).

Psalms cxlix. cl.

PRAISE ye THE LORD.
Sing unto THE LORD a new song,
And His praise
In the congregation of saints.
Let Israel rejoice in Him that made him:
Let the children of Zion
Be joyful in their King.
Let them praise His name
In the dance:
Let them sing praises unto Him
With the timbrel and harp.
For THE LORD taketh pleasure in His people:
He will beautify the meek with salvation.
Let the saints be joyful in glory:
Let them sing aloud upon their beds.
Let the high praises of GOD be in their mouth.
This honour have all His saints.
Praise ye THE LORD.

Praise ye THE LORD.
Praise GOD in his sanctuary:
Praise Him
In the firmament of His power.
Praise Him
For His mighty acts:
Praise Him
According to His excellent greatness.
Praise Him
With the sound of the trumpet:
Praise Him
With the psaltery and harp.
Praise Him
With the timbrel and dance:
Praise Him
With stringed instruments and organs.
Praise Him
Upon the loud cymbals:
Praise Him
Upon the high sounding cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath praise THE LORD.
Praise ye THE LORD.

FOURTH PART.

THE SOUL'S DESIRES

PROMISED TO BE FULFILLED.

"*He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him.*"
PSA. cxlv, 19.

"He is faithful that promised."

HEB. x, 23.

THE SOUL'S DESIRES PROMISED TO BE FULFILLED.

FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH.

God the Source of all true Comfort.

I, EVEN I, am HE that comforteth you.—ISA. li, 12.

GOD comforteth those that are cast down.—2 COR. vii, 6.

THE LORD hath comforted HIS people, and will have mercy on HIS afflicted.—ISA. xlix, 13.

In all their affliction HE was afflicted, and the angel of HIS presence saved them. In HIS love and in HIS pity HE redeemed them; and HE bare them, and carried them all the days of old.—ISA. lxiii, 9.

HE shall feed HIS flock like a shepherd: HE shall gather the lambs with HIS arm, and carry them in HIS bosom.—ISA. xl, 11.

Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, she may forget, yet will I not forget thee, saith THE LORD.—ISA. xlix, 15.

As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you.—ISA. lxvi, 13.

SECOND DAY OF THE MONTH.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul?

WHY art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in GOD; for I shall yet praise HIM.—PSA. xlii, 11.

THE LORD your GOD is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away HIS face from you, if ye return unto HIM.—2 CHRON. xxx, 9.

For thus saith THE LORD GOD, THE HOLY ONE of Israel,—In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. —ISA. xxx, 15.

Come, and let us return unto THE LORD; for HE hath torn, and HE will heal us; HE hath smitten, and HE will bind us up.—HOSEA vi, 1.

GOD so loved the world, that HE gave HIS only begotten SON, that whosoever believeth in HIM should not perish, but have everlasting life.—JOHN iii, 16.

HE that spared not HIS own SON, but delivered HIM up for us all, how shall HE not with HIM also freely give us all things?—ROM. viii, 32.

THIRD DAY OF THE MONTH.

My soul thirsteth for God.

MY soul thirsteth for GOD, for the living GOD: when shall I come and appear before GOD?—PSA. xlii, 2.

Ho! every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money: come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.—ISA. lv, 1.

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I, THE LORD, will hear them, I, THE GOD of Israel, will not forsake them.—ISA. xli, 17.

I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to MY people, MY chosen.—ISA. xli, 18; xliii, 20.

I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.—REV. xxi, 6.

HE that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall HE guide them.—ISA. xlix, 10.

THE LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought.—ISA. lviii, 11.

FOURTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

Tried as silver is tried.

THOU, O GOD, hast proved us; THOU hast tried us as silver is tried. THOU broughtest us into the net, THOU laidst affliction upon our loins.—PSA. lxvi, 10, 11.

Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.—ISA. xlviii, 10.

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, may be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of JESUS CHRIST.—1 PET. i, 7.

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as if some strange thing happened unto you; but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of CHRIST'S sufferings; that, when HIS glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.—1 PET. iv, 12, 13.

HE knoweth the way that I take; when HE hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.—JOB xxiii, 10.

A vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for THE MASTER'S use.—2 TIM. ii, 21.

FIFTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

Delight thyself in the Lord.

TROUBLE and anguish have taken hold on me; yet THY commandments are my delights.—PSA. cxix, 143.

Unless THY law had been my delight, I should then have perished in mine affliction.—PSA. cxix, 92.

This is my comfort in mine affliction;—THY word hath quickened me.—PSA. cxix, 50.

Receive, I pray thee, the law from HIS mouth, and lay up HIS words in thy heart; then shalt thou have thy delight in THE ALMIGHTY, and shalt lift up thy face unto GOD; and the light shall shine upon thy ways.—JOB xxii, 22, 26, 28.

Delight thyself also in THE LORD; and HE shall give thee the desires of thy heart.—PSA. xxxvii, 4.

If GOD be for us, who can be against us?—ROM. viii, 31.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.—JOHN xiv, 18.

Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.—MATT. v, 4.

SIXTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

Happy is the man whom God correcteth.

BEHOLD, happy is the man whom GOD correcteth; therefore despise not thou the chastening of THE ALMIGHTY.—JOB v, 17.

Whom HE loveth HE correcteth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.—PROV. iii, 12.

We are chastened of THE LORD that we should not be condemned with the world.—1 COR. xi, 32.

HE chastens us for our profit, that we may be partakers of HIS holiness; without which no man shall see THE LORD.—HEB. xii, 10, 14.

Now, no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruits of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down.—HEB. xii, 11, 12.

Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.—2 COR. iv, 17, 18.

SEVENTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

Hide not Thy face from Thy servant.

HIDE not THY face from THY servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.—PSA. lxix, 17.

HE shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.—PSA. lxxii, 12.

The needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.—PSA. ix, 18.

They cry unto THE LORD in their trouble, and HE saveth them out of their distresses.—PSA. cvii, 19.

THOU drewest near in the day that I called upon THEE; THOU saidst, 'Fear not.'—LAM. iii, 57.

This poor man cried; and THE LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.—PSA. xxxiv, 6.

GOD saith, Because he hath set his love upon ME, therefore will I deliver him. He shall call upon ME, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him MY salvation.—PSA. xci, 14–16.

EIGHTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

O Lord, be gracious unto us.

O LORD, be gracious unto us.—ISA. xxxiii, 2.

Turn THOU unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.—PSA. xxv, 16.

Wait on THE LORD, and HE shall save thee.—PROV. xx, 22.

THE LORD will give strength unto HIS people.—PSA. xxix, 11.

HE giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might, HE increaseth strength.—ISA. xl, 29.

Seek THE LORD and HIS strength: seek HIS face evermore.—PSA. cv, 4.

They that wait on THE LORD shall renew their strength.—ISA. xl, 31.

Wait on THE LORD; be of good courage, and HE shall strengthen thy heart: wait, I say, on THE LORD.—PSA. xxvii, 14.

HE said unto me,—'MY grace is sufficient for thee; for MY strength is made perfect in weakness.'—2 COR. xii, 9.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy GOD: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee.—ISA. xli, 10.

NINTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

Be thou faithful unto death.

COME unto ME, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—MATT. xi, 28.

THE LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear.—ISA. xiv, 3.

THE GOD of all grace, who hath called us unto HIS eternal glory by CHRIST JESUS, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.—1 PET. v, 10.

Let them that suffer according to the will of GOD, commit the keeping of their souls to HIM in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.—1 PET. iv, 19.

I know, O LORD, that THY judgments are right, and that THOU in faithfulness hast afflicted me.—PSA. cxix, 75.

We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of GOD.—ACTS xiv, 22.

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.—REV. ii, 10.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his GOD, and he shall be MY son.—REV. xxi, 7.

TENTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

Prosper, I pray Thee, Thy servant this day.

O LORD, I beseech THEE, let now THINE ear be attentive to the prayer of THY servant, and prosper, I pray THEE, THY servant this day.—NEH. i, 11.

Save now, I beseech THEE, O LORD; O LORD, I beseech THEE, send now prosperity.—PSA. cxviii, 25.

THE LORD will send HIS angel with thee, and prosper thy way.—GEN. xxiv, 40.

Fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee. —GEN. xxvi, 24.

Thou shalt not be forgotten of ME.—ISA. xliv, 21.

I will bless thee, and thou shalt be a blessing.—GEN. xii, 2.

My soul, wait thou only upon GOD; for my expectatlon is from HIM.—PSA. lxii, 5.

THE LORD is good unto them that wait for HIM; to the soul that seeketh HIM.—LAM. iii, 25.

Rest in THE LORD, and wait patiently for HIM.—PSA. xxxvii, 7.

THE LORD will wait, that HE may be gracious unto you; and blessed are all they that wait for HIM. —ISA. xxx, 18.

ELEVENTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

My soul trusteth in Thee.

BE merciful unto me, O GOD, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusteth in THEE: yea, in the shadow of THY wings will I make my refuge until these calamities be overpast.—PSA. lvii, 1.

If thou prepare thy heart, and stretch out thy hands toward HIM, thou shalt forget thy misery, or remember it as waters that pass away.—JOB xi, 13, 16.

Oh, how great is THY goodness, which THOU hast laid up for them that fear THEE; which THOU hast wrought for them that trust in THEE before the sons of men!—PSA. xxxi, 19.

Blessed be THE LORD, because HE hath heard the voice of my supplications. THE LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in HIM, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise HIM.—PSA. xxviii, 6, 7.

Oh, give thanks unto THE LORD; for HE is good; for HIS mercy endureth for ever.—PSA. cxviii, 29.

TWELFTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

Hear now this, thou afflicted.

HEAR now this, thou afflicted:—Thus saith thy LORD, THE LORD, and thy GOD that pleadeth the cause of HIS people, 'Behold, I have taken out of thy hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of MY fury: thou shalt no more drink it again: but I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down that we may go over.'—ISA. li, 21–23.

When the enemy shall come in like a flood, THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD shall lift up a standard against him.—ISA. lix, 19.

Verily, I will cause the enemy to treat thee well in the time of evil, and in the time of affliction.—JER. xv, 11.

THE LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do unto me?—PSA. cxviii, 6.

THOU who hast showed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth. THOU shalt increase my greatness and comfort me on every side—PSA. lxxi, 20, 21.

THIRTEENTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

Peace, peace, saith The Lord.

PEACE, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith THE LORD; and I will heal him.—ISA. lvii, 19.

HE healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.—PSA. cxlvii, 3.

THE LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as are of a contrite spirit.—PSA. xxxiv, 18.

HE saith,—To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at MY word.—ISA. lxvi, 2.

Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.—ISA. i, 18.

THOU, LORD, art good, and ready to forgive.—PSA. lxxxvi, 5.

Bless THE LORD, O my soul, and forget not all HIS benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies.—PSA. ciii, 2–4.

FOURTEENTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

A stronghold in the day of trouble.

THE LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and HE knoweth them that trust in HIM.—NAHUM i, 7.

When they in their trouble did turn unto THE LORD GOD of Israel, and sought HIM, HE was found of them.—2 CHRON. xv, 4.

It is better to trust in THE LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in THE LORD than to put confidence in princes.—PSA. cxviii, 8, 9.

THE LORD redeemeth the soul of HIS servants; and none of them that trust in HIM shall be desolate. —PSA. xxxiv, 22.

If, when evil cometh upon us, we cry unto THEE in our affliction, then THOU wilt hear and help.—2 CHRON. xx, 9.

The salvation of the righteous is of THE LORD: HE is their strength in the time of trouble; and THE LORD shall help them, and deliver them: HE shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in HIM.—PSA. xxxvii, 39, 40.

Oh, taste and see that THE LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in HIM.—PSA. xxxiv, 8.

FIFTEENTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

The Lord shall be a light unto me.

WHO is there among you that feareth THE LORD, and obeyeth the voice of HIS servant, yet walketh in darkness, and hath no light? Let him trust in the name of THE LORD; and stay upon his GOD.—ISA. L, 10.

Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy; when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, THE LORD shall be a light unto me.—MICAH vii, 8.

THE LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? THE LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?—PSA. xxvii, 1.

HE hath said, I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.—ISA. xlii, 16.

Acquaint now thyself with HIM, and be at peace; thereby good shall come unto thee; and the light shall shine upon thy ways.—JOB xxii, 21, 28.

THE LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.—ISA. lx, 20.

SIXTEENTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

Ask, and it shall be given you.

ASK, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. —MATT. vii, 7.

Whosoever shall call on the name of THE LORD shall be saved.—ACTS ii, 21.

It shall come to pass, saith THE LORD, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.—ISA. lxv, 24.

THE LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon HIM, to all that call upon HIM in truth.—PSA. cxlv, 18.

THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble.—PSA. xx, 1.

Thou shalt make thy prayer unto HIM, and HE shall hear thee.—JOB xxii, 27.

I will look unto THE LORD; I will wait for the GOD of my salvation: my GOD will hear me.—MICAH vii, 7.

Call upon ME in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.—PSA. L, 15.

I will cry unto GOD MOST HIGH; unto GOD that performeth all things for me.—PSA. lvii, 2.

SEVENTEENTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

The Lord knoweth how to deliver.

THE LORD knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations.—2 PET. ii, 9.

Thy GOD whom thou servest continually, HE will deliver thee.—DAN. vi, 16.

We may boldly say, THE LORD is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.—HEB. xiii, 6.

Behold, GOD is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid: for THE LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; HE also is become my salvation.—ISA. xii, 2.

THE LORD is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.—2 THESS. iii, 3.

THE LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble; and they that know THY name will put their trust in THEE; for THOU, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek THEE.—PSA. ix, 9, 10.

THOU hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones was as a storm against the wall.—ISA. xxv, 4.

EIGHTEENTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

The peace of God.

BE careful for nothing; but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto GOD; and the peace of GOD, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through CHRIST JESUS.—PHIL. iv, 6, 7.

When HE giveth quietness, who then can make trouble?—JOB xxxiv, 29.

I will give you assured peace in this place.—JER. xiv, 13.

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep; for THOU, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.—PSA. iv, 8.

HE giveth HIS beloved sleep.—PSA. cxxvii, 2.

When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.—PROV. iii, 24.

THOU wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on THEE; because he trusteth in THEE. Trust ye in THE LORD for ever; for in THE LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.—ISA. xxvi, 3, 4.

NINETEENTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

Verily, there is a reward.

VERILY, there is a reward for the righteous.—PSA. lviii, 11.

Thus saith THE LORD, I am thy shield and thine exceeding great reward.—GEN. xv, 1.

Thine eyes shall see THE KING in HIS beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.—ISA. xxxiii, 17.

There THE GLORIOUS LORD will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams.—ISA. xxxiii, 21.

A broad place where there is no straitness.—JOB xxxvi, 16.

A land wherein thou shalt not lack anything.—DEUT. viii, 9.

A wealthy place.—PSA. lxvi, 12.

And the inhabitants shall not say, 'I am sick:' the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.—ISA. xxxiii, 24.

My soul shall be satisfied.—PSA. lxiii, 5.

MY people shall be satisfied with MY goodness, saith THE LORD.—JER. xxxi, 14.

They shall be abundantly satisfied.—PSA. xxxvi, 8.

TWENTIETH DAY OF THE MONTH.

Thy comforts delight my soul.

IN the multitude of my thoughts within me, THY comforts delight my soul.—PSA. xciv, 19.

I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith THE LORD; thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.—JER. xxix, 11.

Who is a GOD like unto THEE, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of HIS heritage? HE retaineth not HIS anger for ever, because HE delighteth in mercy.—MICAH vii, 18.

THE LORD will not cast off for ever; but though HE cause grief, yet will HE have compassion according to the multitude of HIS mercies; for HE doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.—LAM. iii, 31–33.

Your sorrow shall be turned into joy.—JOHN xvi, 20.

The redeemed of THE LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head; they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.—ISA. li, 11.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH.

The Lord is my shepherd.

TRUST in THE LORD and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.—PSA. xxxvii, 3.

At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh.—JOB v, 22.

Bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.—ISA. xxxiii, 16.

And ye shall serve THE LORD your GOD, and HE shall bless thy bread and thy water.—EXOD. xxiii, 25.

Your Heavenly FATHER knoweth that ye have need of all these things.—MATT. vi, 32.

My GOD shall supply all your need, according to HIS riches in glory by CHRIST JESUS.—PHIL. iv, 19.

HE satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.—PSA. cvii, 9.

HE is a rewarder of them that diligently seek HIM.—HEB. xi, 6.

Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content.—1 TIM. vi, 8.

THE LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.—PSA. xxiii, 1.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF THE MONTH.

God is our refuge and strength.

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble: therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.—PSA. xlvi, 1, 2.

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but MY kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of MY peace be removed, saith THE LORD that hath mercy on thee.—ISA. liv, 10.

Let HIM be your fear, and HE shall be for a sanctuary.—ISA. viii, 13, 14.

Thus saith THE LORD GOD, Although I have cast them off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come.—EZEK. xi, 16.

In the fear of THE LORD is strong confidence; and HIS children shall have a place of refuge.—PROV. xiv, 26.

The eternal GOD is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.—DEUT. xxxiii, 27.

There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary are at rest.—JOB iii, 17.

TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF THE MONTH.

The Father of the fatherless.

CAST thy burden upon THE LORD, and HE shall sustain thee.—PSA. lv, 22.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so THE LORD pitieth them that fear HIM.—PSA. ciii, 13.

HE hath said, Leave thy fatherless children; I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in ME. —JER. xlix, 11.

The poor committeth himself unto THEE: THOU art the helper of the fatherless.—PSA. x, 14.

A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is GOD in HIS holy habitation.—PSA. lxviii, 5.

HE relieveth the fatherless and widow.—PSA. cxlvi, 9.

HE hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.—HEB. xiii, 5.

I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.—ISA. xlix, 25.

And I will be a father unto you; and ye shall be MY sons and daughters, saith THE LORD ALMIGHTY.—2 COR. vi, 18.

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

He will swallow up death in victory.

WHEN thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee; for I am THE LORD thy GOD, THE HOLY ONE of Israel, thy SAVIOUR.—ISA. xliii, 2, 3.

This GOD is our GOD for ever and ever: HE will be our guide, even unto death.—PSA. xlviii, 14.

HE will swallow up death in victory; and THE LORD GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces.—ISA. xxv, 8, 9.

HE hath said, Their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. For I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.—JER. xxxi, 12, 13.

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of GOD.—HEB. iv, 9.

Though HE slay me, yet will I trust in HIM.—JOB xiii, 15.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

The Lord is very pitiful.

GOD is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.—1 COR. x, 13.

HE stayeth HIS rough wind in the day of HIS east wind.—ISA. xxvii, 8.

HE knoweth our frame; HE remembereth that we are dust.—PSA. ciii, 14.

HE will not lay on man more than right; that he should enter into judgment with GOD.—JOB xxxiv, 23.

THE LORD is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.—JAS. v, 11.

HE will not always chide; neither will HE keep HIS anger for ever.—PSA. ciii, 9.

I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wrath; for the spirit would fail before ME, and the souls which I have made.—ISA. lvii, 16.

HIS anger endureth but a moment; in HIS favour is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.—PSA. xxx, 5.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

Thou wilt answer me.

IS any among you afflicted? Let him pray.—JAS. v, 13.

HE delivereth the poor in his affliction.—JOB xxxvi, 15.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon THEE; for THOU wilt answer me.—PSA. lxxxvi, 7.

The hand of our GOD is upon all them for good that seek HIM.—EZRA viii, 22.

HE also will hear their cry, and will save them.—PSA. cxlv, 19.

I know that THE LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.—PSA. cxl, 12.

Thou shalt weep no more: HE will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when HE shall hear it, HE will answer thee.—ISA. xxx, 19.

HE heareth the cry of the afflicted.—JOB xxxiv, 28.

It shall come to pass, when he crieth unto ME, that I will hear; for I am gracious.—EXOD. xxii, 27.

Gracious and merciful.—NEH. ix, 17.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

His compassions fail not.

MANY are the afflictions of the righteous; but THE LORD delivereth him out of them all. —PSA. xxxiv, 19.

From the end of the earth will I cry unto THEE, when my heart is overwhelmed: Lead me to THE ROCK [*Christ, 1 Cor. x, 4*] that is higher than I. For THOU hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.—PSA. lxi, 2, 3.

THOU, LORD, hast holpen me and comforted me.—PSA. lxxxvi, 17.

For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid MY face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith THE LORD thy REDEEMER.—ISA. liv, 7, 8.

It is of THE LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because HIS compassions fail not.—LAM. iii, 22.

HE that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of HIS eye.—ZECH. ii, 8.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

I love the Lord.

MANY there are which say of my soul, There is no help for him in GOD. But THOU, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of my head.—PSA. iii, 2, 3.

Salvation belongeth unto THE LORD: THY blessing is upon THY people.—PSA. iii, 8.

Bless me, even me also, O my FATHER.—GEN. xxvii, 34.

Hold THOU me up, and I shall be safe.—PSA. cxix, 117.

I, THE LORD thy GOD, will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.—ISA. xli, 13.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy GOD: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of MY righteousness.—ISA. xli, 10.

I love THE LORD because HE hath heard my voice and my supplications. Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for THE LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee. —PSA. cxvi, 1, 7.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF THE MONTH.

The heritage of the servants of the Lord.

O GOD THE LORD, the strength of my salvation, THOU hast covered my head in the day of battle.—PSA. cxl, 7.

THE LORD hath chastened me sore; but HE hath not given me over unto death.—PSA. cxviii, 18.

In my distress I called upon THE LORD, and HE sent from above, HE took me, HE drew me out of many waters.—PSA. xviii, 6, 16.

O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, all thy children shall be taught of THE LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear; and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. Whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of THE LORD, and their righteousness is of ME, saith THE LORD.—ISA. liv, 11, 13-15, 17.

THIRTIETH DAY OF THE MONTH.

He delivereth the poor in his affliction.

IF it had not been THE LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say; if it had not been THE LORD who was on our side when men rose up against us; then they had swallowed us up quickly, when their wrath was kindled against us: then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over soul: then the proud waters had gone over our soul. Blessed be THE LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth. Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.—PSA. cxxiv, 1–7.

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold; and there shall be no herd in the stalls; yet I will rejoice in THE LORD, I will joy in THE GOD of my salvation.—HAB. iii, 17.

THE LORD is my portion, saith my soul, therefore will I hope in HIM.—LAM. iii, 24.

HE will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.—PSA. cii, 17.

THE LORD GOD will help me.—ISA. L, 7.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH.

I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

CAST me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.—PSA. lxxi, 9.

I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.—HEB. xiii, 5.

Even to your old age I am HE; and even to your hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.—ISA. xlvi, 4.

My flesh and my heart fail; but GOD is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.—PSA. lxxiii, 26.

HE said, MY presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.—EXOD. xxxiii, 14.

THY words were found, and I did eat them; and they were unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart.—JER. xv. 16.

Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and THE GOD of love and peace shall be with you.—2 COR. xiii, 11.

AMEN AND AMEN.—PSA. lxxxix, 52.

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